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EC mobilises in defence of EMS

BRUSSELS IAFPI - The monetary committee of the European Community (EC) began emergency talks Saturday to determine the fate of the European Monetary System, as German officials said EC finance ministers would meet to discuss the crisis Sunday. Government officials in Bonn said community finance ministers and central bank governors would meet in Brussels on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. The European Exchange Rate Mechanism (ERM) has been pushed to the brink of collapse by a wave of massive and repeated speculative attacks. German Finance Minister Theo Waigel, in Salzburg. Austria, for talks with his Swiss and Austrian counterparts, meanwhile pledged continued support for the EMS. The monetary committee, comprising treasury and central bank officials of EC member states, was discussing measures to counter speculation which Friday brought five currencies out of seven to the floor of their permitted ranges against the mark, and which threatened to drive the French francout of the system altogether. Meeting at Germany's request, it was authorised to recommend possible realignments within the ERM that would enable the system to survive. However, no word leaked of the deliberations which were expected to last several hours. Its deliberations were seen as the most crucial in the ERM's 14-year history.

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KHARTOUM (AFP) — The governor of south Sudan's Upper Nile state, Columel Paul Reth Kwang, said Saturday that more than 230,000 people had fled from rebel-held areas of Kongor. Ayod and Watt in the government-held towns of Malakal and Bor during July. The governor said the influx into who sine government-controlled areas resulted from armed clashes behost also da tween rival factions of the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA). He added that the interfactional fighting also caused cessation of relief operations by the World Food Prugramme to that area, Col.

Kabul says Russia to halt attacks

KABUL (R) - Russia agreed Saturday that its forces in Tajikistan would stop cross-border artillery attacks on northern Afghanistan, an Afghan spokesman said after talks between the two sides in Kabul. The agreement ities' refusi sicame as Kabul Radio reported 20 people were killed and 50 wounded by a Russian bombing raid on the Shahr-e-Bozorg area of northern Badakshan province Saturday (see page 8). The agreement was reached in two hours of talks between Afghan President Burhanuddin Rabbani and a Russian delegation led by Yevgeni Primakov, a special envoy of President Boris Yeltsin, presidential spokesman Abdul Aziz Morad said. We demanded that the Russians stop shelling and bombing on the border." he told reporters. "The Russians gave us assurances that this would stop." The two sides agreed on the need for negotiations to end clashes along Afghanistan's border with the Central Asian republic of Tajikistan," Mr. Morad said,

Bechtel to build Algerian pipeline

awarded a \$305 million contract Saturday to the U.S. firm Bechtel er of Coust huild a pipeline to carry gas to Europe. The 530-kilometre pipeline will run from Hassi R'mel. Algeria's main gas field, in the Sahara desert to the Moroccan frontier and will initially carry 7.2 hillion cubic metres of gas a year, rising ultimately to 18.5 billion. Bechtel's Executive Vice-President Michael Thiele said at the ceremony in Algiers: "This is a very important project for the development of Algeria." Work on the Moroccan section of the pipeline started in May. The overall project, costing an esti-mated \$2.5 billion, will carry Algerian natural gas across north Morocco, under the Straits of Gibraltar, to Seville in Spain.

J.S. calls NATO meeting on Bosnia

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Clinton administration called for a meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) on Monday to discuss the use of air power in Bosnia, an administration official said Saturday. NATO officials in Brussels, Belgium, confirmed that a special meeting would be held.

Orthodox church to cut ties with Jerusalem patriarch

ANKARA (R) - Onhodox Church leaders decided Saturday to suspend relations with the patriarch of Jerusalem and dismiss his two deputies for challenging the authority of Istanhul-based Ecumenical Patriarch Archbishop Bartholomeos. Alexandria Patriarch Parthenios told a news conference after a two-day crisis meeting of church leaders chaired by Patriarch Bartholomeos that they had resolved to cut ties with Patriarch Diodorus of Jersualem until Christmas as a warning. They also ordered the dismissal of his two deputies. archbishops Timothy and Hesychios, Patriarch Parthenios said. Patriarch Diodorus is harming not only the authorities and rights of the Orthodox Patriarchate of Constantinople (Istanbul) but also those of other Orthodox churches," he declared. He said the partiarchate of Archbishop Bartholomeos. widely recognised as spiritual leader of the world's 200 million Orthodox Christians, could take further action against Patriarch Diodorus if he ignored the meet-

ing's decisions.

Israel halts assault on Lebanon

U.S. said to have brokered 'ceasefire'; Arabs urge U.N. action, pledge \$500m relief

Combined agency dispatches

A U.S.-BROKERED "ceasefire" Saturday halted Israel's week-long military blitz that has driven half a million people from their homes in South Lehanon. U.N. officers in the south said

area at 6 p.m. (1500 GMT), the time set for Israeli jets, warships and artillery to stop their attacks.
"It is very quiet all around," said an officer of the U.N. In-terim Force In Lebanon (UNI-FIL), speaking on condition of anonymity in line with standing

the guns fell silent throughout the

And Prime Minister Rafik Harin told Cable News Network (CNN) in a telephone interview: "So far, yes, I get the information from the field that there is a ceasefire. The accord was worked out by

regulations.

U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher in telephone contacts with leaders of Israel, Lebanon and Syria, said diplomatic sources in Beirut, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Samaha expressed his "profound relief" at the end of the Israeli bombardment, which he siad was a sort of a holocaust. 'We are profoundly relieved

that the United States made Israel finish its bombardments. For Lebanon (the Israeli attacks) are crimes, a sort of a holocaust," Mr. Samaha told AFP. "The toll is terrible. Tomorrow

(Sunday) we will start to organise the return of the refugees. It will be very difficult, for (the Israelis) really destroyed the south. The civilian population has really suffered," he said.

"We can only hope the ceasefire is respected by Israel. And we call, now more than ever, for 425," he said, in reference to the comment from the group's "As a result the cabinet gave (PFLP-GC) in hills overlooking although behind-the-scenes conimplementation of Resolution 1 can. There was no immediate statement said



Lebanese women cry in a pick-up truck after being forced escape Israeli bomdardments. (Right) Lebanese Foreign counterparts listen to the debate on the Israeli attack at an to leave their village of Zadkein in South Lebanon to Minister Farez Bonez (right) and his Qatari and Kuwaiti Arab League meeting in Damascus tAFP phutos

operation.

U.N. Security Council resolution calling for a total Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon.

Minutes after the ceasefire was reported by radio stations, hun-Information Minister Michel dreds of residents surged into the streets of the coastal city of Tyre in jubilation. Groceries, bakeries, res-

taurants and cafes quickly reopened after a week-long shut-In Israel, Oded Ben-Ami.

spokesman for Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, said the truce went into effect after Lebanon's Hizbollah (Party of God) agreed to stop firing rockets into Israel. The spokesman indicated that both Syria and Lebanon, as well

as other powers in the region that support Hizbollah would rein in the attacks. He did not elaborate, but the

Beirut's mosques, schools, slums, and waterfront sidewalks are swarming with half a million refugees - more than a tenth of

Lebanon's population.
Some 270 retalialory rockets

killed three Israelis and wounded

lah and Palestinian groups has

been the broadest and bloodiest

since Israel's 1982 invasion of

At least 126 people have been

killed and 496 wounded since the

Israeli assaults hegan last Sunday.

spokesmen in Lebanon.

Lebanon.

"After political contacts through the United States, the Lebanese government and Syrian government and other parties have reached an understanding under which Hizbollah will stop their Katyusha rocket attacks on militia is trained and armed by Israeli communities," Israeli

the order to the army to stop the the coastal town of Naameh. 18 tacts for a ceasefire via Washing-The offensive against Hizbol-

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres congratulated the United States for their lead role in arranging an end to hostilities. "I hope there will be no more rockets for a very long time now," he told Israel

Radio. The ceasefire opens the way for U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher to visit the Middle East next week and concentrate on the peace process rather than the Lebanese confrontation.

The foreign ministers of Arab countries resolved in a two-day meeting in the Syrian capital of Damascus to extend assistance of \$500 million to ease the refugees'

A half-hour before the ceasefire, Israell jets and warships ment to by Hizbollah chief Has-blasted a base of the Popular san Nasrallah that he was ready blasted a base of the Popular Front for the Liberation of

kilometres south of Beirut, police

They said six jet fighterbombers staged seven bombing and rocketing runs on the bluffs beginning at 5:30 p.m. (1430 GMT) while Cherbourg missile boats hit the base from about three kilometres offshore.

There was no immediate report of casualties from the target. which was engulfed in flames and smoke.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin stressed throughout the last seven days that he would call off the fiercest Israeli pounding of Lebanon in more than a decade once he was sure the rocketing would

not resume in the future. But he ignored Friday a stateto halt the rocketing if Israel stopped the bombardment. ton's mediation were already

well underway. Mr. Peres said Israel's campaign against Hizhollah and other groups contributed to Middle East peace. "The fight against Hizbollah was actually an operation for the peace process, because Hizbollah tried to destroy the peace process," he said.

Hizbollah opposes the 21month-old U.S.-brokered peace

Israel, which unleashed an exodus of refugees on Beirut in a conscious attempt to pressure the Lebanese government into curbing Hizbollah, said the refugees could return to their homes in the south if peace was maintained. Its statement quoted Prime

In Damascus carlier Saturday.

Arab states asked the United Nations to impose sanctions or. Israel if it refused to end its

bombardment of South Lebanon. The decision was announced at the end of an Arab League foreign ministers' meeting held in Damascus since Friday to try to end the Israeli assault on Leba-

"The Arab League calls on the world body and the Security Council to take all the necessary measures and steps, including the application of Chapter Seven of the United Nations Charter, to stop the Israeli aggression immediately and force Israel to implement U.N. Resolution 425. Adnan Omran, assistant secretary-general of the Arah League, read from a statement.

Chapter Seven provides for the application of sanctions on countries which violate U.N. resolu-

Israel has so far refused to implement Resolution 425 which calls for a total Israeli withdrawal from its self-styled "security zone," a buffer strip it holds in South Lebanon.

Mr. Omran said the ministers decided to provide financial aid to Lebanon estimated at \$500 million to help rebuild villages devastated by the Israeli bombardment and repatriate re-

The league said it was sending a delegation of ministers to convey their demands to U.N. Secretary General Boutros Ghali "with the minimum of delay."

The league slammed "the savage Israeli attacks" on Lebanon. and said its offer of \$500 million to the Lebanese government was "to ensure the safe return home Minister Yitzhak Rabin as saying of the refugees, and to re-equip the main test of the agreement the Lebanese army so it can would be cessation of firing of extend the authority of the state over all of Lebanon."

threat to stay away from elections Russian envoy demands implementation of SCR 425

By Ayman Al Safadi Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The government Saturday strongly reacted to a threat by the Muslim Brotherhood to boycott the upcoming parliamentary elections if the Election Law is changed without the approval of the Lower House of Parliament saying it is unfazed by the threats and "will not be pushed around."

"They (the Brotherhood) are free to take the decision that they want. But nobody can push this government around (and) it is going to govern according to the Constitution," Minister of Information Ma'an Abu Nowar told the Jordan Times in response to

the Brotherhood's warning.
In a statement issued Friday. the Brotherhood warned it would "change its position on the elecif the government amended the law. 'We will seriously consider

boyconing the elections if the government changes the Election Law outside the Lower House of Parliament and introduces the one-man-one-vote formula," Brotberhood Deputy and hawkish Islamic Action Front (IAF) member Hammam Sa'id said Saturday. The Brotherhood, which feels

targetted by what it sees as an imminent government decision to change the Election Law also warned that amending the law without the approval of the legislature would cause "a big stir in society (and) create a state of instability and frustration."

Though the Brotherhood agrees with the government that there are "loopholes" in the law. it differs with it on the mechanism of the change and the amendments that should be made. It insists that the Lower House

is the only authority constitutionally empowered to amend the law and is especially opposed to introducing the one-person-onevote formula.

Dr. Sa'id claimed that "it is the Americans who are pushing for the one-man-one-vote system." which observers believe would, with political groups in the counwork against the Brotherhood. Along with other political

groups in the country, the

Brotherhood, which will contest

ment for its "confusing policy" on the elections. "The government's position is

not right. (it is) unacceptable. It has to take a firm and clear stand on the matter," said Dr. Sa'id. A highly-informed political observer joined the Brotherhood in criticising the government for what he called the lack of clarity on its election policy as well as

the delay in taking a decision.
"There is a sense of frustration about the lack of clarity nn the elections," said the observer, who asked not to be named. He said people are frustrated with the delay in announcing the government decision on the elec-

tion and on the possible mechanism for change which "could jeopardise democracy." Parliamentary candidates are also not able to formulate and start their election campaigns because of the uncertainty about the law that will govern the ballots, he

While His Majesty King Hussein and Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali have repeatedly said that no changes on the law would be made without thorough consultations with all concerned parties, the Brotherhood and at least other 14 political parties insist that changes should unly be

affected through the House. In a letter sent to Dr. Majali by t5 political groups Tuesday, the country's major political parties urged the "reconsideration" of the Election Law through the House.

They agreed with Dr. Majali that there are "loopholes" in the legislation and proposed "fundamental" changes to it hut opponents of a unilateral government action on the law among the signatorics argued that no time was left to introduce the changes before elections are held later in

November. The highly-informed political observer said that the Cabinet of Dr. Majali should make use of the consensus on the need for the change by opening a dialogue to Dr. Sa'id.

He said the government should follow the "inclusion" policies of its predecessors and consider the

the coming elections on the IAF ticket, also criticises the govern-the country.

"Times have changed" said the observer. "Political parties are now part of the political life and if you want to rule you have to convince people."

He said antagonising political groupings at this time, a possible consequence of a unilateral govemment action on the Election Law, will only jeopardise what he called the fragile democratic pro-

cess in the country.

The government however says it is ruling according to the Constitution.

Dr. Abu Nowar rejected accusations that the government was confusing the people with its policies arguing that its policies were clear and credible.

He also said that the government was not being late in taking a decision on the elections as "there is enough time to prepare for them until they are held in November." Dr. Abu Nowar said that the

Cabinet had not yet discussed the Election Law or decided whether there would be a change in the law or not.

Dr. Majali last week gave the strongest indication yet that the law would be changed, saying that there are many loopholes in the legislation but Dr. Abu Nowar said the prime minister was giving his personal opinion on the issue.

He said a decision to change the law or not will be taken after hearing out the views of all concerned and will be presented to the Cabinet for discussion.

Dr. Abu Nowar, however. would not confirm if the mechanism for changing the law would be similar to the one through which the National Charter was adopted in 1989 as King Hussein and Dr. Majali said earlier. Dr. Abu Nowar said only that the King would consult with all shades of the political spectrum of the

But "the dialogue taking place in the press is not the right forum for debating the law," according

"I am not aware of any formal dialogue on the subject, unless one is taking place behind closed

(Continued on page 10)

Government rejects Brotherhood Majali briefs Cabinet on efforts over Lebanon

nian government hopes that the world community in general and the U.N. Security Council in particular will interfere to put an end to Israeli attacks on Lebanon. Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al

Majali said Saturday. The continuing aggression on Lebanon is causing heavy human and material losses and forcing the evacuation of Lebanese people from their towns and villages," he said at a Cabinet meeting, a few hours before Israel announced a ceasefire in Leba-

Denouncing the Israeli arracks as a violation of all international and human rights laws, Dr. Ma-

jali said, "The continuation of the aggression will result in very harmful consequences to the whole region and poses threat to the Middle East peace process." Dr. Maiali briefed the Council

people.

of Ministers on the situation in of southern Lebanon is the source

Hussein's contacts to halt the Israeli assault on the Lebanese

He was speaking after having had a telephone conversation with Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Al Hariri to whom he conveyed the King's efforts to end the Israeli attacks, the Jordan

News Agency, Petra, said. Dr. Majali announced that Jordan was ready to offer Lebanon every possible assistance.

The prime minister reiterated Jordan's stand vis-a-vis the Israeli attacks on Lebanon at a meeting with a senior Russian diplomat currently on a visit to Jordan.

Petra quoted Dr. Majali as deploring Israel's aggression and demanding that it pull out its forces from southern Lebanese territory.

Continued Israeli occupation

whole region.

Dr. Maiali said at a meeting with Viktor Posuvalvuk, head of the Middle East and Africa Department of the Russian Foreign

Mr. Posuvalyuk said his country considers the Middle East, process as of utmost concern and

The Russian envoy said in a statement to the press afterwards that Russia was keen on giving momentum to the peace process.

Being close to the Middle
East, Russia is affected by it and

interacts with the events in the Middle East and is in contact and constant coordination with the United States over the develop-

"The achievement of peace in the Middle East is of high national interest to Russia, which seeks to establish good relations with

AMMAN (J.T.) - The Jorda- Lebanon and His Majesty King of all tension and instability in the all the countries of the region." he said.

Reiteraring his country's demand for an immediate halt to Israel's military operations, the envoy said that the operations were disproportionate to the attacks claimed by Israel to have been launched on its positions by Lebanese resistance forces.

Events in southern Lebanon threaten the whole region's stability as well as the peace process. the envoy said.

He said Russia strongly demands the implementation of U.N. Security Council Resolu-tion (SCR) 425, which calls for Israeli forces withdrawal from southern Lebanon.

The envoy said that he would meet with Palestine President Yasser Arafat on the peace process which is almost deadlocked, during a visit to Tunisia after

Christopher poised to launch mission

Combined agency dispatches

WASHINGTON - U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher was credited Saturday with brokering an end to a week of savage Israeli attacks on South Mr. Christopher spent much of

telephone with officials in Israel. Syria and Lebanon. Diplomatic sources in the region, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the ceasefire was

the past few days conferring by

negoriated in Damascus. Mr. Christopher plans to leave this weekend for Egypt and then go on to Israel, Syria and Jordan. He hopes to concentrate on getling the parties on track for a new round of peace talks.

The fighting in southern Lebanon had raised concerns that the main purpose of his trip would be pushed aside by the need to negotiate a ceusefire.

On his trip, Mr. Christopher plans to press Syria to bar access to Iranian cargo planes carrying weapons to Hizbollah, the Washington Post said Saturday. quoting unidentified U.S. offi-

The report said U.S. intelli-



Warren Christopher

gence has determined that most if not all of the rockets and other arms being used against Israeli forces in recent fighting were ferried to Hizbollah guerrillas by trucks from Damascus airport. The peace talks began in Mad-

rid. Spain, almost two years ago but progress has been negligible. U.N. Ambassador Madeleine Albright suggested during an interview on the U.S. news show "John McLaughlin's One-on-One" that Hizbollah bears prime responsibility for the hostilities.

The Hizbollah guerrillas, she said, are "stirring up the pot at the moment because the peace talks may not he going their

But Egyptian Ambassador Ahmad Maher Al Sayed said the Israeli attacks into southern Lebanon were "most deplorable and condemnable." He said the Israelis were engaging in a de-liberate policy of "depopulating part of an independent country." Israel's attacks in southern Lebanon have produced an estimated 500,000 refugees. Mr. Christopher had been

scheduled to arrive in Cairo Saturday after a visit to Asia. But he cut short that trip so that he could return to Washington for consultations that President Bill Clinton on the violence in southern Lebanon and on the deteriorating situation in Bosnia. State Department spokesman

Michael McCurry said the secretary was to leave Washington Saturday or Sunday but would not confirm a statement by Egypt's foreign minister that Mr. Christopher was to arrive in Cairo, Monday.

"He's going to be conducting these meetings next week in the

Middle East." was all Mr. McCurry would say. Congressional sources said Mr.

Christopher was also to go to Europe, stopping in Brussels to meet with allied ministers on the situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina. The State Department has not confirmed that visit. Mr. McCurry said Christopher

will begin his Middle East visit in Cairo but that there were no plans to meet with Lebanese offi-State Department officials "certainly hope to see the fighting

end, because it's very, very important to see the discussions return to what are the core issues at stake in the peace negotiations." McCurry said. However, he said he could not

put "a simple label on the goal" of the Christopher visit. Mr. McCurry said the United

States did not consider the Israeli assault on South Lebanon an invasion, because for now it has been limited to Israel's selfdeclared "security zone."

But "clearly, a movement north beyond the security zone would be a very different matter a matter of great concern,"

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hizbollah retrieves bodies of dead guerrillas

RASHAYA (AFP) — Commandos fired automatic weapons and

rockets at an Israeli position in South Lebanon as another unit of

fighters recovered the bodies of three Hizbollah fighters, a

spokesman for the group said. A unit of the Islamic Resistance,

Hizbollah's armed wing, led the attack on Tumat Niha, in the central sector of Israel's self-declared "security zone" in South

Lebanon. As they pounded the position, another group of

commandos recovered the bodies of three guerrillas who were killed Wednesday, a spokesman for Hizbollah said. Three

members of the commando unit were wounded in the operation.

the spokesman said, adding there was "little resistance" from the

Nadir's friend, ex-wife, ordered to post bail

LONDON (R) — The ex-wife and a friend of fugitive tycoon Asil Nadir were Friday ordered to pay £1.15 million (\$1.7 million) in

bail they posted for him or go to jail. Ex-wife Aysegul Nadîr was given 28 days to pay the £500,000 (\$740,000) she posted. The judge

said he doubted Mrs. Nadir would pay as she was reported to be in northern Cyprus, like Mr. Nadir. London businessman Ramadan

Guney was given six months to pay £650,000 (\$960,000) or go to prison for Ig months. The bankrupt head of the froits-to-

electronics firm Polly Peck jumped bail and fled to his native northern Cyprus in May while awaiting trial on theft and false

accounting charges. He faces claims of up to £500 million (\$750

ADDIS ABABA (R) — Eritrean President Issayas Afeworki said Friday he had reached an accord with Ethiopia to heal the wounds

of decades of conflict. "We have been beaten and bumiliated in the

past. Our society have been destroyed. But we have forgotten and

forgiven," said Mr. Issayas at the end of his first official visit since

Eritrea became independent from Ethiopia in May after a

referendum. "We have agreed to close the sad chapter of war and

heal the wounds compeletely," be told reporters. Mr. Issayas's Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) seized control of the

former Red Sea province in May 1991 after defeating dictator

Mengistu Haile Mariam's government army and ending a 30-year

war for self-rule. Eritrea, a former Italian colony, was annexed by Emperor Haile Selassie. The two states aim to have common

security and defence arrangements "without intervening in each

others internal affairs," Mr. Issayas said. They agreed to give dual

nationality to citizens of the two countries and there will be wide

cooperation on economic issues such as transport and energy.

Ethiopia, Eritrea agree to heal wounds

Israeli forces manning the position.

million) on his personal estate.

Iraqis exhausted by U.N. embargo

By Laurence Chabert Agence France Presse

BAGHDAD — Three years of international sanctions bave reduced Iraqis to careworn shadows of their former selves.

Nowadays, everything looks shabby in Baghdad from cars and clothes to the people, who are having to cut back more and more on food and basic essentials. Luxuries like sugar are things of the

Prices are rising all the time and for most people it is a struggle just obtaining enough food to stave off hun-

Ali like all public workers has just had a 30 per cent rise but even with that, "it only makes 400 dinars a month (about \$6 on the black market) and I need ten times more to keep my wife and three children."

He draws on his savings and now and then sells a piece of furniture or drives a taxi after work to earn a little

The family scrapes along but when the children return

to school after the holidays. Ali said he would never be able to afford text and exercise books whose prices have rocketed due to a shortage of

Meat costs 100 dinars for one kilogramme - the equivalent of a week's wage for Ali. A box of 30 eggs costs the same and milk is even more expensive at 130 dinars a litre.

Soft drinks are no longer sugared. .Cars. clothing and shoes are repaired time and time again. A pair of tyres costs 12.000 dinars, more than most Iragis earn in a

The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) recently estimated that 18 million Iraqis were living in a situation of "pre-famine." Before the embargo imposed after Iraq invaded Kuwait in August 1990, the country imported more than 70 per cent of its

The FAO, which helps, to feed 550 Iraqis outside Kurdistan; said flour had gone up by 18,000 per cent since August 1990, tea by 14,000 per cent, and cooking oil by 8,500

The dinar is officially worth \$3.2 but its black mar-

ket value has sunk to between 65 and 70 for a dollar. Traders and people who have access to dollars, often thanks to relatives abroad.

have been able to weather the crisis and some even flaunt their newly-gotten wealth. But for most, it is a daily battle to make up the government rations which cover only half the people's

"No one is dying of hunger in Iraq but people are dying from shortage of medicines." said a monk who has lived in Iraq for many years.

Hospitals are half empty "this is not because no one is ill. It is because we have nothing to treat them with," explained Dr. Tammadher Al Dhaher at Qadissiya Hospital in a poor suburb of Saddam City. "We don't even have any aspirins," he said.

Patients have to bring their own medicines bought at great cost on the black market. A phial of insulin costs

Public hospitals no longer do anything but emergency operations. To have a tooth out, a person must be prepared to do without anesthetic and for patients with chronic complaints like diabetis and asthma, drug shortages

can be life-threatening.

Malnutrition has taken a heavy toll among children and cases of gastro-enteritis have multiplied in the heat.

Drinking water and electricity supplies operate at half their previous capacity and in the south 43 per cent of drinking water is contamin-

Food and medicines were not included in the U.N. embargo_but lraq is short of money. Four or five billion dollars in assets are frozen in foreign countries and up to now. Iraq has rejected U.N. conditions to let it sell \$1.6 billion worth of oil.

The United Nations meanwhile is also running out of cash and has had to limit its aid. "We only have enough to last until September," said Mohammad Zejjari, the coordinator of U.N. activities

Washington uses garrote and stick against Baghdad

By Jacques Charmelot Agence France Presse

WASHINGTON '- On Aug. 2, 1990, Iraq sent its troops into Kuwait. Three years later, the United States is still making Iraq pay for its defiance. The Iraqi army left the oil-

rich emirate in February 1991 after weeks of intensive bombing and a ground offensive executed by the most formidable military coalition since World War II.

Then the international community, again led by the United States, hit the Iraqi goverament with a series of tough sanctions to ensure that Baghdad will not be able to inflict damage on a neighbouring state for a long while.

And the 18 million inhabitants of what was the most powerful country in the Arab World are now caught between brutal state power and privations caused by a far-reaching embargo, with signs of pity from the rest of the world increasiogly rare.

President Bill Clinton first scemed prepared to ease the pressure on Iraq, but quickly decided to follow policies begun by bis predecessor George

This strategy has meant strictly maintaining the embargo and other U.N. sanctions, keeping tight control on the Iraqi military and attempts to create a viable political alternative to Saddam Hus-

The Democratic administration is sufficiently convinced of the validity of this approach that it is ready to use force if it looks like Iraq once again presents a threat, as illustrated by periodic U.S. attacks on Iraqi surface-to-air missiles.

This "garrote and stick" strategy consists of keeping in isolation a country whose petroleum wealth and relationship with Iraq have made it a key actor in that part of the world. The policy has been criti-

cised for being unimaginative,

especially since the threat of a



Saddam Hussein

fundamentalist Iran remains and Iraq had been used as a counterweight. But the State Department has no plans to replace it.

which keeps in check the threat from traq to our vital interests in the Gulf region," Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs Edward Djerejian told Congress.

Washington has given no indication that Baghdad's most recent gestures regarding longterm control of its military such as allowing the United Nations to install cameras on ballistic missile test sites have lessened its determina-

"Everything is left to do" with respect to complying with U.N. resolutions ending the Gulf war, a State Department official said privately.

"Iraq is not complying with much of anything," the official said. "Iraqi promises are meaningless... There is not a single promise for two and one-half years that the Iraqis have kept of their own will."

The official said he_believed that the international coalition against Iraq was still solid, and European and Arab expressions of discontent with U.S. muscle — such as the recent bombing of Baghdad following the discovery of an alleged plot



Bill Clinton

against Mr. Bush's life should not be exaggerated. The only concern in Washington is that the Iraqi opposition has been unable to "This is a long term policy reach an agreement on critical

> "Given the history of the Iraqi opposition the most encouraging thing is that it is still there," the official said. To some experts, this search

for an alternative to Saddam. Hussein seems to be more of a public relations exercise and less of a diplomatic mission. This is especially true since the end of the Bush administration should bave meant the end of the personal nature of the dispute between the United States and Iraq.

"There is a benefit for the U.S. in keeping Saddam Hussein in power and it can go on for long time," said Soubhe Ghandour, a journalist who specialises in Iraq. "The sanction can keep him weak and it can be used in the future."

To Mr. Ghandour, the U.S. plan to be tough on Iraq with President Saddam in power means Washington can avoid a dangerous upheaval in Iraq if the leadership falls. It also means there is no risk of a resurgence in Iraqi power as long as the United States is ready to ensure Gulf states are safe from Iraqi "ambition."

Demjanjuk due in Ukraine today

KIEV (R) — John Demjanjuk, cleared of being Nazi camp guard "Ivan the terrible" after spending seven years in an Israeli jail, is due to return at least temporarily to the land of his birtb, Ukraine.

on Sunday The Ukrainian Demjanjuk Defence Committee said Saturday the 73-year-old former U.S. car worker would be put on a flight from Tel Aviv to Kiev. arтiving at 5.40 р.m. (1440

Israeli police confirmed the report. But the Israeli justice ministry said Demjanjuk could only leave if the supreme court, meeting on Sunday, rejected calls for him to be tried ton further war. crimes charges.

The defence committee said in a statement: "We consider that until Demjanjuk goes to the United States, he should accept Ukrainian citizenship in bis Ukrainian homeland and thank the hundreds of people who struggled for his freedom."

The best solution would be for Demjanjuk's appeal for the re-turn of his U.S. citizensbip, stripped from him in 1984, to be heard by an American jury, it said. The committee called on Kiev citizens to welcome Demjanjuk

at Borispol airport.
The U.S. Justice Department said on Friday that Demjanjuk was ineligible to re-enter the United States because he had served as a guard at Nazi camps and lied about it when he originally applied to emigrate to the United

Demjanjuk, acquitted on appeal of being a camp guard nicknamed "Ivan the terrible" because of doubts as to his identity. has insisted he wants to rejoin his family in Ohio.

Oleksandr Maydanek, a diplomat at Ukraine's embassy in Israel, said by telephone that Demjanjuk's son John had asked for permission on Friday for his father to come to Ukraine. The freed man had received an

invitation from relations in

Izyum. near Kharkov, to come

and visit them temporarily. Mavdanek said. Úkrainian Orthodox churches and communities throughout the United States and Canada raised thousands of dollars for Demjaniuk's defence.

International jurists assail Israeli raids

GENEVA (Agencies) — The Inno serious casualties, he said.

Israel's "operation account (ICJ) has condemned Israel for its attacks on southern Lebanon and its proclaimed policy of driv-

ing civilians from their homes. A statement from the commission's Geneva headquarters said the six days of Israeli artillery barrages and air attacks contravened the principles of international law and went beyond the needs of self-defence.

"The Israeli action is disproportionate. The claim that Israel is defending itself against the Hizbollah militia is undermined by the intensity and the extent of the military operation," the statement said.

The commission, which aims to defend the rule of law throughout . the world, was a strong critic of communist regimes throughout the cold war and bas also condemned human rights violations in

many Arab and Islamic countries. It said Israel's "indiscriminate targetting of the civilian population" to force people to flee their homes and pressurise the Lebanese government into taking action against Hizbollah had re-sulted in widespread terror.

Such means used for political ends, the commission declared, "are blatant violations of interna-

U.N. complaint

tional bumanitarian law."

U.N. Secretary General Boutros Ghali objected Friday to warnings that Israeli forces had given to the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) that it could come under fire in the

fighting there.
"These warnings constitute an unacceptable interference in UNIFIL's operations," the secretary-general said in a letter to the president of the U.N. Security Council.

The letter included a warning Israel sent to U.N. troops that "all movement in South Lebanon shall be considered hostile" and subject to attack by Israel's forces.

"The heavy bombardments of UNIFIL's area of operation by Israeli aircraft and artillery have brought the force almost to a standstill," wrote the secretary general. "There have been numerous instances of shelling dangerously close to UNIFIL's positions."

Positions held by Nepalese, Irish and Finnish battalions received direct hits but there were

CAIRO (AP) - Dr. Hani

Rifaat's neighbours describe the.

university professor as a quiet,

kindly man, a specialist in inter-

nal medicine who provides free

treatment to people too poor to

Dr. Rifaat, 42, said his morning

prayers, then slashed the throat

of the uncle who reared him since

"I killed my uncle to rid him of

the sufferings of life," Dr. Rifaat

told the newspaper Al Ahram. "I

loved him so much. He is the

greatest person in history and

shouldn't have to live in this

Al Ahram and other Cairo

newspapers devoted pages Satur-

day to the killing. It was the latest

of a troubling series of :violent

crime cases involving seemingly

unlikely suspects that has shaken

Egypt's traditional, family-

Social commentator and novel-

ist Naguib Mahfouz, a Nobel

Prize laureate, attributed the

phenomenon to general decay of Egyptian life. Religious, cultural

and moral training are breaking

down, he wrote in his weekly

column. And attacks by Muslim

extremists on secular society have

oriented Muslim society.

world full of conflicts."

he was 9.

They find it hard to believe that

University professor kills

uncle as he saw in a dream

lence.

the police.

Israel's "operation accountability" has killed some 120 people in southern Lebanon and wounded 446. It has also forced 500,000

people from their homes. Australian Foreign Minister Gareth Evans criticised Israel for using excessive force in its offen-

Mr. Evans said Australia understood that Israel should want to take action in selfdefence.

There are at least three things, however, that we find very difficult to understand about Israel's actions," he said in statement. "First, we find it difficult to

understand how Israel's actions can be seen as within the bounds of reasonable self-defence, given their scope and scale." Australia also found it difficult

to understand how Israel's actions could improve its security. given that Hizbollah guerrillas had continued to fire rockets and were likely to gain sympathy from

the Israeli attacks.
"Third, we find it difficult to understand how Israel's actions are going to do anything other than put at risk the peace process generally.

The United States will give Lebanon \$25,000 in aid for families displaced by Israeli bombing. the State Department announced

The funds will be freed up by U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon Ryan Crocker and will come from the embassy's emergency huma-nitarian aid fund, State Department spokesman Michael McCur-

Funding above that amount must be appropriated by Congress, but as of Friday there was no legislation pending on the matter, he added.

Italy said it was sending a planeload of medical supplies to Beirut for refugees.

Foreign Minister Benjamino Andreatta said be made the decision to send supplies after meet-ing the Saudi, Lebanese and Syrian ambassadors to Italy, a ministry statement said.

The statement said Lebanon's ambassador appealed for help for the large number of refugees arriving in Beirut to escape. Israel's air and artiflery bombardment of southern Lebanon. .

The air shipment of medical supplies will arrive in Berrut on Monday, the statement added.

created an atmosphere of vio-

In recent weeks, newspapers

have reported deaths of fathers.

mothers, other close relatives.

Suspects bave blamed narcotics,

money or - as in Dr. Rifaat's

Just before dawn, the doctor

awoke from a dream in which he

told investigators he saw himself

slaughtering his uncle. He got up.

prayed, took a butcher knife from

the kitchen and cut the sleeping

70-year-old man's throat. Dr

Rifaat prayed again, changed his

clothes and washed out the

blood, then gave himself up to

Dr. Rifaat was graduated with honours from medical school. His

office at 'Ain Shams University is

lined with scientifie books, its

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family bas a history of insanity.

Their mother died with a mental

disorder, and another brother

and sister currently are mentally

Miss Rifaat said she and her

brother decided not to marry out

of fear they would pass on the

ill, she told reporters.

condition to children.

His sister Nadia, 40, said the

- inexplicable causes.

4 Iragis sentenced to life in Kuwalt

KUWAIT (AP) - Four Iraqi infiltrators who accidentally drove into an Iraqi-laid minefield as they fled Kuwaiti border police were sentenced Saturday to life in prison for setting up armed roadblocks, stealing cars and resisting arrest. All four men lost either arms or legs when the mines exploded during the June 1992 chase where the borders of Kuwait, Iraq and Saudi Arabia converge. The state security court that sentenced the men was told: they bad been armed with machine guris and four rocket-propelled; grenade launchers. In trying to escape they had set up a roadblock. commandeered two cars from Kowaitis and shot at Kuwaiti policemen, the prosecution said. The Iraqis told the court they were shepherds who had lost their way in the desert. The triangle where they were arrested bas long been a favourite area for smugglers, with a floating bazaar selling liquor, which is banned in Kuwait, and discount sheep. Kuwait is digging a trench along its 207-kilometre border with Iran to protect it from smugglers and infiltrators. The ditch is also aimed at preventing Kuwaitis from wandering into Iraq, which has not recognised the border.

Syrian 'arms dealer' freed on ball

ALCALA DE HENARES (R) — An alleged Syrian arms dealer, accused of involvement in the 1985 hijacking of the Italian liner Achille Lauro, was allowed bail and released from prison Friday, court sources said Saturday. Monzar Al Kassar, who has been held in Spain for a year on a number of arms-related charges, secured his temporary freedom by posting sureties totalling two billion pesetas (\$14.3 million). These included mortgage guarantees wort. one billion pesetas (\$7.1 million) for two luxury properties owned; by Mr. Kassar in the southern Spanish resort of Marbella. The sources said Mr. Kassar was to appear before a judge Saturday to be notified of the terms of his release, which are that be cannot; leave Marbella without high court permission. Greeted by his wife and two daughters. Mr. Kassar told journalists be had been the victim of a conspiracy. "I have been 14 months in prison, in terrible. conditions. Justice was late in coming, but it came io the end," he

Turkish airliner makes emergency landing

ANKARA (R) - A Turkish airliner made an emergency landing in Istanbul after an engine cover fell off and punctured the passenger cabin, newspapers reported on Saturday. They said a Turkish Airlines Airbus-310 took off from Istanbul for Paris with 65 passengers on Friday, but made an emergency landing at the same airport minutes later after the right engine cover came off, causing gashes in the fuselage. The plane had climbed to a height of 1,600 metres when the accident occurred. A I6-year-old French girl, named as Aurelie Jalengues, was slightly injured in the shoulder by a piece of debris. Several passengers told Anatolia. news agency they had difficulty in breathing while the stricken plane was returning to Istanbul. Turkish Airlines Director General Tezcan Yaramanci was quoted as saying a technical fault had caused the accident and an investigation was under way:

Kuwait to build new detention centre

KUWAIT (R) - Kuwait said Saturday it planned to construct purpose-built detention centre for people awaiting deportation to replace a converted school criticised by members of parliament as inadequate. Interior Minister Sheikh Ahmad Al Hamoud Al Jaber Al Sabah issued a decree forming a special a committee to find suitable site for a building to replace Talha centre.

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His Rnyal Highness Crnwn Prince Hassan, the Regent, Saturday visits a phosphate industry facility in the southern part of the Kingdom

Regent inspects services, industry in southern areas

Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Saturday toured several areas in southern Jordan. including Wadi Araba, the phosphate mines. Shidiyeh railroad station and Al Mudawwarn border post.

The Regent met with Interior Minister Salameh Hammad, the governor of Ma'an and several officials in the Wadt Araba area.

The Crown Prince called for activating the role of local administrations and underlined the importance of cooperation among the governors of the southern paris of the Kingdom in order to better serve the people of these

Prince Hassan then visited Al Shidiyieh mines and met with Minister of Industry and Trade

and Hayan Adrisi.

authority

Decree appoints 3 justices

AMMAN (Petra) - A Royal Decree was issued

Saturday appointing three dislamic justices to work at the Sharia (Islamic) Appeals Court in Jerusalem as of August 1, 1993. They are: Abdul.

Qader Abiddin (court president) Ibrahim Sabri

AMMAN (Petra) - His Royal Highness Crown

Prince Hassan, the Regent. Saturday sent a cable

of good wishes to the president of Benin on his

country's national day. The Regent also sent a

cable of good wishes to the president of the Swiss Federation on his country's national day, or

Sunday. In the two cables, the Regent wished the

presidents continued health and further progress

and prosperity for their cirizens. Also Saturday

the Regent, visited one of the Armed Forces'

units in the southern military Region where was

received by the commanders of the region and

the unit. He was briefed on the unit's duties.

watched its drills and met with officers and

soldiers, commending their level of performance and conveying to them the greetings of His Majesty King Hussein.

Majali urges speed in vesting

AMMAN (Petra) - Prime Minister Abdul

Regent congratulates Benin, Switzerland

Bassam Al Saket, Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Walid Aslour, Mr Hammad and the secretary general of the

Ministry of Water and Irrigation.
The Regent was briefed on the development of the mines and urged the three major Jordanian companies producing cement, potash and phosphate, and based in the south, to coordinate their efforts in importing their needs and finding new markets for their products.

He also urged the Jordan Phosphate Mines Company (JPMC) to coordinate with the concerned authorities in drafting a 10-year plan aimed at defining its water

ind energy needs. The Regent later visited Al Mudawwara town, bordering Saudi Arabia, and was familia-

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

eased

the border post to visitors. He also inspected the work of the health centre in the area and called for improving its perform-

The Crown Prince met with citizens of the town to listen to their needs which included connecting the town to the national electric grid and providing telephone services.

Prince Hassan also visited several arresian wells being dug by the Ministry of Water and Irrigation and concluded his tour by visiting Al Shidiyieh railroad

At the end of the tour, the Regent inspected the work of a team prospecting for oil in Ain Al Hamra area near the Dead Sea.

Salam Al Majali urged Cabinet members Satur-

day to speed up procedures for vesting more

authority in governors of various provinces in a

bid to bolster decentralisation in Jordan.' Steps

should be taken as quickly as possible to enable

governors to exercise full authority in their

regions without having to refer to the central

government in Amman, said Dr. Majali at a

regular Cabinet session. He also instructed the

concerned ministries to speed up the develop-

ment of health services in the Irbid region.

University application process

AMMAN (J.T.) - State universities today

(Sunday) begin accepting applications (or under-

graduate study programmes through post offices around the country, according to Abdul Hammid

Al Sabbagh, head of a committee in charge of

who is also general registrar at the University of

Jordan, said that the week-long programme facilitates the application process at the four

Jordanian universities. Tawjihi minimim score

requirements for acceptance in the various facul-

ties are: 85 per cent for medicine and dentistry:

80 per cent for pharmacy; engineering and

veterinary medicine; and 65 per cent for all other

faculties. Earlier reports said at least 10,000

undergraduate students will be accepted for full

courses at the Kingdom's public universities

processing student applications. Mr. Sabbagh.

Rare shower falls on Amman, tremors hit Kingdom

ceived a refreshing five-minute shower Friday night around 11 p.m., an uncommon occurrence for late July.

According to Ali Abandah, director of the Metereology De-partment in Amman, it has rained only twice around this date in the past 20 years.

The spontaneous meeting of cold air in the upper atmosphere mixing with warm, moist air on the earth's surface caused the rain to fall intermittently in the north central and eastern regions of the country, he said.

Thick moisture clouds will hover over the Mediterranean until Monday when weather conditions will return to those more typical of hot and dry summers of the

Tremors recorded

Meanwhile a series of tremors hit parts of the Kingdom over the past 24 hours, according to a statement by the Natural Resources Authority (NRA) Director General Mohammad Abu Ajamieh.

The statement issued at noon

Saturday said that at 2:56 p.m. Friday, a tremor measuring 3.2 on the Richter scale hit an area located between longitudes 35 East and 33 North.

At 2:34 a.m. Saturday a tremor measuring 4.8 hit the Nweibeh area in the Gulf of Aqaba and was followed by a series of 20 small tremors in the Aqaba re-

The two strongest tremors in the Aqaba region measured 3.2 and 3.7; the remaining 20 tremors measured below two degrees. said Mr. Abu Ajamieh,

WHAT'S GOING ON EXHIBITIONS

* Exhibition of a new collection Princess Wi jdan Ali at The Gallery, Hintel Jordan InterContinental.

* Exhibitinn of British Archaeolngical projects in Jordan at the Rnyal Cultural Centre.

THEATRE

☆ Arabic play entitled "Ahlan Arab Summit" at 8 p.m. at the Royal Cultural Centre.

 ★ Arabic children's play enti-tled "Whn Will Save Earth" at 6.30 p.m.

FILM

☆ Feature film entitled "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" at 6 p.m. at the American Centre.

NHF surveys Mukheibeh area to plan self-reliance schemes

sein Foundation (NHF) Saturday announced the start of a social survey in the northern village of Mukheibeh, as part of its Quality of Life Project.

Through the project, the NHF aims to introduce activities that will raise the standard of living in the rural regions of Jordan. The Mukheibeh field survey in

Irbid governorate seeks to determine the villagers' basic needs prior to developing and implementing programmes under the Quality of Life Project.

The NHF team will examine the standard of health education and mother and child care services offered in the area and the economie standard of its various households.

The survey will follow the pat-tern of those conducted earlier in 12 other population settlements in Jordan and two surveys still under way in Qinieh and Bir

These settlements together have an estimated 3,500 families, according to an NHF statement.

The statement said the survey is being conducted by a specially trained team employed at health and social centres; the team will be working together with a group of local community leaders.



The Noor Al Hussein Foundation Quality of Life Project assesses and evaluates the needs of a rural

community in order to determine how best to The Quality of Life Project. NHF statement said. engineered by NHF in 1989 in It said the project is designed cooperation with the World to raise family living standards in Health Organisation (WHO) and the health, social and cultural the Health Ministry, works to

The project promotes patterns of integrated and rural develop-ment encompassing all aspects of NHF.

implement income-generating schemes to help fami lies work towards self-reliance

village life.

Emphasis is placed on selfreliance and participation by the population through coordination and cooperation among all the parties involved in serving the local community, according to

with the Jordan University of

Meanwhile, a Jordanian par-liamentary delegation led by

Lower House Speaker Abdul

Latif Arabiyat Saturday left for Beirut for a meeting designed to show solidarity with the Lebanese

Science and Technology (JUST).

Wadi Araba villages to get 84 housing units

AMMAN (Petra) - The Jordan southern tip of the Dead Ses to Valley Authority IJVA) Saturday announced that it is constructing a JD 915,000 housing project at Wadi Araba. JVA Secretary General Ahdul Aziz Wishah said RITA, a local construction firm, has won a tender for the project. which is being executed upon directives by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Re-

The project, said Dr. Wishah, is seen as part of an overall plan to develop the Wadi Araba re-gion which extends from the

Aqaba.
It will provide suitable housing

increase individual family incom-

es and promote a more whole-

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for the local residents and improve their living conditions, he According to Dr. Wishah, the

project entails constructing a total of 84 housing units of 56 square metres each on 1,500 square metres of land.

Four villages Rahmeh Risheht Ghrandal, Bir Mathkour and Qureigra, will benefit from the rian cause.

Ministry appeals for aid to Lebanese

AMMAN (J.T.) — Plans to extend financial and in-kind assistance to the victims of the recent Israeli attacks on Lebanon have been implemented with a Ministry of Social Development appeal Saturday to the public and voluntary and charitable organisations.

The ministry said the Jordanian Hashemite Charity Organisation was coordinating efforts with the ministry and its affiliated departments in the governorates to raise contributions for this humanita-

people.

The delegation will attend an extraordinary session at the Arab Parliamentary Union (APU) to discuss the situation in southern

Trade group finalises plans for polish industrial fair

AMMAN (Petra) - The Jordan Trade Association (JTA) has finalised arrangements for organising a Jordanian industrial fair in the Polish capital of Warsaw.

JTA Executive Director Halim Abu Rahmeh said the fair, which will open on August 30, will display samples of Jordanian carpets, paints, car batteries, perambulators, gas ranges, furniture, syringes, soaps, antiseptics, chemical detergents, ear filters domestic appliances and thermo-

pipes.
The Jordanian products to be displayed at the fair are of excellent quality and can easily compete with foreign products Mr. Abu Rahmeh said.

The five-day fair is an oppor-tunity for Jordanian exporters to familiarise the Polish with Jordanian products and open new markets in that country and in eastern



The Jordanian stand at the 28th Import Fair Berlin (photo by Wolfgang Albrecht)

Europe, he added. The JTA, he said, carefully studied the prospects for marketing Jordanian products in Poland

before deciding on the industrial

Last year Poland bought JD 2.5

ducts and sold ID 4.5 million worth of Polish-made commodities to the Kingdom, according million worth of Jordanian pro-

Jerash grand finale closes 12th annual festival of arts and culture





The 12th Jerash Festival came to a close Friday night following a major celebratian attended by Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ben Zeid and Princess Wijdan Ali. The festival's turch was extinguished and the banner was furled as the hrass bands of the Armed Furces played the National Anthem. Festival Director Akram Masarweh thanked the participating troupes in the 17-day event which brought performers and audiences together in a mid-summer oight fair. At left the Lebanese troupc Caracalla in one of its three performances held at the Palace of Culture in Amman as part of the activities of the festival of culture and arts. The troupe, one of the leading in the Arah World, performed a play entitled "A Dream of an Eastern Night," which is hased on one of William Shakespeare's plnys. Abdul Halim Caracalla, who established the troupe almost 25 years ago, said his was the first Arab dance theatre. "We have worked on making the language of the body mingle with the language of our heritage and folklore," he told Agence



France Press (AFP), adding that this enabled the troupe to invent a new dance language unprecedented in the world. Television Director Victoria Umeish said Caracalla's performance has touched the true priental feeling. Mr. Caracalla, who also designed the costumes for the play, said renowned Arab singer Marcel Khalifeh won the play an award in a festival held in Los Angeles for his musical score.

Above, Rai star Sheb Khalid and his troupe of musicians and dancers Friday night delight fans in a grand finale performance at Jerash Festival. The 33-year-old Algerian has recorded almost 70 albums in his career, but his fame reached new beights with his most recent LP release "Khalid" which bas sold 4.5 million copies worldwide. Featured on the alhum is the smash hit "Didi" (take it). The lyrics of Khalid's songs are a mixture of Arabic, Spanish, Italian and French, a combination which is indecipherable to most fans. Nevertheless, Khalid's international appeal continues to grow.



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Why delay the inevitable?

NOW THAT the next parliamentary elections will be held on schedule and the decision to amend the law seems to have been taken, there is no reason why the government should not act on th: amendments to the law in order to allow the election campaign to start in earnest. The subject of the new electoral legislation was raised immediately after the 1989 elections and the existing Parliament was expected to act on this important matter a long time ago. There were many legislations that needed the urgent attention of Parliament and nearly four years have elapsed without much being done about them. The issue is of course complex and controversial and calls for prudence and preparation. It also requires national consensus. Most of the discussions on the subject were so far made in corridors, living rooms and in political gatherings but little debate has been done in the media. The one-person-one-vote principle drew criticism from some of the major political parties who saw in the campaign to introduce this principle a determined policy to weaken their power in the Lower House of Parliament. On the strength of this suspicion, they naturally insist that any change to the current ground rules on elections must be debated by Parliament and then put any amendments thereon for approval by Parliament itself where major political players enjoy almost a veto power. Had the executive branch of government moved faster on this issue and acted more expeditiously on it, much of the ill-feelings that now exist could have been avoided.

The government needs to develop a more coherent perspective on any proposed amendments and to couple that with a faster pace in putting the process into motion. Until this late hour the government has been giving conflicting signals on when and how it may proceed on this highly important piece of legislation. November is only a few months ahead and the country has still no definitive blueprint for the draft law. One does not know when the government is going to spell out change to one of the main tools of pluralistic democracy. There is every argument for making things clearer on the subject by making known the text of any draft law for national deliberations whether formal or informal. As things stand now no one knows for sure which way the government will turn. That has only helped draw angry outhursts from opponents to amendment but little clear response from the government.

The government can always protest that it is acting within the framework of the Constitution. But it has to recognise that hy delaying its decision it is creating a state of uncertainty and helping put tempers np. Thousands of potential candidates as well as tens of thousands of potential voters are at loss on which way to base their strategies and preferences. And indecisiveness will only create apathy which in turn will weaken the democratisation process.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

CONFRONTING aggression and conspiracies against the Arab Nation cannot be done through issuing statements and condemning the Israeli practices but through true solidarity and collective action, said Al Dustour daily Saturday in commenting on the Arab World's reaction to Israel's aggression on Lebanon. There is no doubt that the Arab foreign ministers now meeting in Damascus wil issue a strongly-worded statement condemning the Israeli brutal attacks on the civilian population and demanding an immediate halt to the hostilities, said the daily. Meeting one week after the start of the Israeli aggression, the Arab foreign ministers have little power to use vis-a-vis this Israeli onslaught and their countries are so divided that they are impotent and weak and can by no means confront the common enemy, it said. It is a foregone conclusion that such a meeting would not rise to the aspirations of the Lebanese people, said the daily. Israel realises the weakness of the Arab masses and can by no means be of help to the Lebanese people whose homes have been destroyed and who sustained heavy human loss in these attacks, added the daily. There is no doubt that the Arab foreign ministers' meeting will describe the Israeli aggression as a threat to the so-called peace process and would issue a call to the world community to come to the aid of the Lebanese people, said the daily. Israel realises the weakness of the Arab countries and has calculated the world public reaction to its aggression before embarking on its fresh attacks, said the daily. It expressed hope that the Arab foreign ministers will make of the new aggression a starting point for real solidarity without which no Arab rights can be guaranteed.

MAZEN HIJAZI, a columnist in Al Ra'i, demanded a collective Arab stand in the face of Israel's aggression and not mere meetings and statements of condemnation. Referring to a statement by American President Bill Clinton, praising Syria for self-restraint during the Israeli attacks, the writer said that self-restraint could well be interpreted as Syria wanting to expose-Israel's position with regard to the peace process, but such restraint does not appease the Arab masses. The Arab masses cannot accept any interpretation or analysis of the present Arab countries' passive attitude towards this aggression, and they demand that collective action be taken to deter the Jewish state from further committing atrocities, said the writer. Of course a limited Syrian or Lebanese military action cannot achieve the object. 1 although temporarily it could give Arab masses some satisfaction, he added. What is required, he demanded, is a unitifie. Arab stand and a joint military confrontation which, the writer said, could impose the Arab will not on Israel alone but also on t se backing its aggression. Even in the peace process, he said. a ca ective action and a unified stand are required to ensure that the vab Nation's voice is heard by the world community. What Mr linton expects from Syria now is to end all resistance activity as ... nst Israel coming from Lebanon, said the writer. He said that such a request could not have been made had the Arabs been more mited and addressing the world in one language.

Sunday's Economic Pulse

By Dr. Fahed Al Fanek

New government is committed to the adjustment programme

The outgoing minister of finance was right to insist on quitting the Ministry of Finance after 50 months in office under three prime ministers. People will think it is Basel Jardaneh's programme and that the economic adjustment programme will be abandoned as soon as he leaves office, he argued and prevailed.

Now that we have a new government and a new minister of finance, we should not be surprised to hear rumours that the commitment to the programme has weakened. But the facts are

According to the policy of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), a new government has the right to renegotiate the programme all over again, from square one. A government commitment is not binding to another government unless the latter chooses to be bound.

The government of Dr. Abdul Salam Al Majali was therefore given the opportunity to suspend the programme as it stands now and to call on new negotiations with the IMF to either change certain aspects in the targets or policies or to cancel the programme altogether. However, the new government refrained from using this opportunity, and chose to carry on and honour the latest letter of intent as is. This fact, which should have been made-public, gives the evidence that the new government is fully committed to the programme with no reservations what-so-ever.

On the other hand, the new minister of finance, Sami Gammo did not come from nowhere. He is well-known to be a strong supporter of the programme and in full agreement with the course of action which was taken by his predeeessor, whom we once described as the best minister of finance in the Third World.

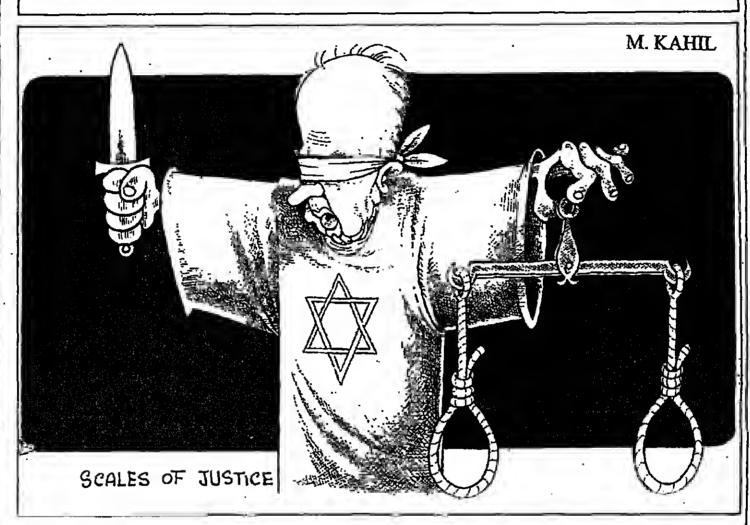
The recent conclusion of a framework agreement with the London Club by the minister of finance of the new government, based on the points negotiated and agreed upon before, was another signal of continuation. Had the new government or the minister of finance been less committed to the programme, the London Club agreement would have been put on hold, either by the government or by the London Club's steering committee. because an adjustment programme acceptable to the IMF is a precondition for concluding an agreement with the London Club over commercial indebtedness

On the other hand, it should be pointed out that the adherence to the programme was highlighted by His Majesty's letter of designation to the new prime minister, who responded positively, in full agreement with the content of the letter, which could be defined as the terms of reference for the new government. Thus, the commitment to the programme is more a commitment of the state rather than of a particular government.

As far as implementation is concerned, we noticed that the new government made several difficult decisions in its very first week in office to satisfy alternative measures to the post-ponement of the general sales tax until February 1994. Those measures were supposed to be taken by the previous government, but it hesitated

to act and left the difficult job at the door of the new government.

If that meant anything, it is that the new government is fully and irrevocably committed to the IMF programme. Any whispers to the contrary can be elassified, in my view, as putting more pressure on Jordan, to give the feeling of vulnerability and uncertainty for political ends that can only be comprehended by cynical analysts.



Meretz joins the hawks

By Haim Baram

WEST JERUSALEM - A minor row broke into the open on July 18 when three Meretz members of Knesset (MKs), including the new minister of education, Amnou Rubinstein, leaked to the press an angry letter which had been sent to the most prominent and active human rights organisation in Israel, Betselem.

The incident was wrought with heavy irony, since Mr. Rubinstein and his parliamentary colleague, Dedi Tzuker, were founding members of Betselem. and used the Palestinian human rights issue as a spring-board for vehement attacks on the previous Likud government. But now that Meretz is a full partner in the government with the most appaling human rights record in

Israel's history, Betselem has be-come a painful sore. Its most recent report, castigating the Rabin government for killing 38 children under 16 since January 1993, put Meretz leaders in an unpleasant spot, as far as their rank and file supporters are con-

Meretz ministers, like the socalled Labour doves, tend to ignore human rights violations under the ludicrous pretext that they are not in the business of overseeing a "benevolent occupation", but rather are determined to end the occupation of the Palestinian territories for good. In the meantime, they cling to the Rabin formula of a Greater Jerusalem (comprising 30 per cent of the West Bank) under Israeli sovereignty, which renders the

achievement of a viable agreement between the Israelis and the Palestinians a virtual impossibil-

Meretz decided to berate Betselem over the delay in the publication of the long overdue report on the 500 collaborators who have allegedly been killed by their fellow Palestinians. Such a report is perbaps legitimate, but hardly relevant. The task of Betselem is to collect data about the crimes of the occupation authorities against Palestinians, and not to muddle in the internal affairs of the victims. Mr. Rubinstein and his friends, all firm supporters of the mass deportation of 413 Palestinians in December 1992, clearly seek a convenient diversion from the plight of the oppressed by pointing a self-

righteous finger at their admittedly harsh metbods of dealing with collaborators.

This sorry affair has under-standably delighted rightwingers, who abhor Betselem for its courageous struggle on behalf of Palestinians in the occupied territories. It was a godsend for Yitzhak Rabin as well, who took to emotional outbursts during the first half of July. Not only the prolonged civil servants' strike over low pay has irked the prime minister, but his cabinet has got out of hand, too: it now resembles a huge and rather unruly debating society. Mr. Rabin was prevented by his colleagues from attacking Lebanon this month and nine of his ministers indicated their willingness to talk to the sadly weakened PLO - Middle East International.

Israel to pay for gambles of the past

By Martin Woollacott THE MOST important fact about the Palestinians, there should be the Middle East today is that no direct PLO representation and Israel needs peace more than its two distinct phases, one about Israel needs peace more than its
Arab opponents but still sees no clear path towards it. Out of this frustration has come the storm of metal beating down on the stone hood. villages of South Lebanon for the

The refugees reel up once again towards Beirut, the shells pour from the guns, helicopter The Rabin government, which gunships skim the wheatfields, genuinely wants peace, neverthebodies lie in the sun at cros- less saw what is called the "forsroads. Back from Hizbollah's mat" as something which could Katyusha batteries are the rockets heading for Israel's northern towns and settlements. How many times have we witnessed ahead of an autonomy deal with these scenes, how many times the Palestinians, thus adding to deplored them, and how many the pressure on the latter to times have they proved to be settle. Meanwhile, the division of nothing more or less than the the Palestinian talks into two steel links which chain a violent phases seemed to offer Israel the past ro a violent future? But, in opportunity to build into auton-the Middle East, the military omy restrictions that could be solution always beckons, like the transferred to any later offer of mirage it usually proves to be. statehood, as well as to keep

What the Israelis are calling Jerusalem off the agenda.
"Operation Accountability" falls
Such calculations seem in into a now ancient pattern in trospect foolish. The Palestinians which the Israelis seek not only to have been naturally reluctant to hurt their actual attackers but to settle for any autonomy that did pressure Arab governments, in not at least prefigure statehood, this case Syria, into suppressing them on Israel's behalf. The Israel's are responding to a increasingly explicit Israeli signals month of successful attacks by about a readiness to band back Hizbullah, the armed Lebanese the Golan but refusing to offer Shiite movement, and by the radical Palestinian splinter group interest in upstaging the Palestinians. While the talks have meanof Palestine (PFLP). GC led by dered from round to round with-Ahmad Jibril, in which they have out notable advance, Israel's lost a number of soldiers. They security has deteriorated markedcame close to retaliation earlier ly. It is not too much to say that this month, but were pulled back the whole basis of the Israeli from the brink by two State Department envoys who were in the been decisively undermined. The region to prepare the way for the days of an occupation whose costs visit by Warren Christopher, the in terms of troops deployed, U.S. Secretary of State, with the casualties suffered, in the terriaim of reinvigorating the Middle tories and in Israel itself, are East peace talks.

Christopher is now rushing to the region as a fireman rather than arriving as a statesman, Needless to say Israel's Syria rationale, as to say Israel's Syria rationale, as expressed by senior government while in the South Lebanon spokesmen, is open to argument, security zone Hizbollah is inflict-Syria certainly allows the Hizbol-lah movement to function in parts the Palestinians are within Israel of Lebanon over which it has itself, control; and without Syrian ac. Hence the contradictory quiescence the dubious deal atmosphere of the last few weeks non because of the Damascus an-eye attack in Lebanon. regime's closeness to Tehran. Israel has reaped what it has that in turn being related to sown. The Hizbollah movement Syria's long-standing quarrel with would never have attained its Iraq. It also tolerates Hizbollah present importance had Israel not

dividing them into bilateral sets. Mr. Christopher's opportunityand insisting that in the most The Guardian.

The Shamir government believed that this structure could be exploited to bog down the talks for ever, which is what it wanted

Such calculations seem in re-

acceptable to Israelis are almost The obviously prepared re- gone. Meanwhile the old econosponse nevertheless went into mic advantages of captive mareffect last weekend, and Mr. kets and a pool of cheap labour

under which Hizbollah alone in Israel in which, on the one among the Lebanese factions is hand, Bassam Abu Sharif, the allowed to openly retain its well known PLO spokesman, has weapons, and to use them against appeared on Israeli television Israeli forces in that part of Leba- chatting about when he will get a non occupied by Israel and its visa - an indication of Israeli proxies, would not have been readiness to consider new deparstruck. So, yes, in a sense Syria is tures, like talking directly to the responsible for Hizbollah vio- PLO - while on the other, the lence. But the larger truth is that general staff sits in its bunkers. Syria tolerates Hizbollah in Lebapoliting an old fashioned eye-for.

because that movement is now a invaded Lebanon, and the radigenuinely powerful one in calised population of the Gaza Lebanese society, difficult if not Strip and the West Bank is also to impossible to suppress. Nobody but an idiot in Jerusalem could Their growing strength makes the expect Syria to make war on occupation of both the territories Hizbollah, at least not in the and of the South Lebanon strip a absence of a peace settlement. burden which Israel shudders at Perhaps that is the point which the thought of facing in perpetuithe Rabin government is per- ty. But whether the Rabin govversely trying to make to Damas-cus, since the problem it faces is may have to settle on imperfect that 20 months after the peace terms - to talk about Palestinian talks began the negotiations have statehood now rather than later. got nowhere. They have not to give up the Golan for a pretafailed, and areas of progress, minimal return, for instance genuine shifts in attitude, can be identified. But they are not moving forward. The main reason for in South Lebanon is that its sheer this is the structure which a pre-uselessness may have a sobering vious Israeli government suc- effect on all concerned, but particeeded in imposing on the talks, cularly on Israel itself. There lies

Bosnia's resentful Croats say they are misunderstood

By Kurt Schock Reuter

CAPLJINA, Bosnia - Sunbaked and silent, the Bosnian Croats' sullen stronghold of Capijina does not welcome strangers. Empty streets, burned-out storefronts and apartment blocks pitted by shells and small arms fire speak of old grudges settled

There is more and more blood and hatred. When are you leaving?" says a message scrawled in green paint on the wall of one block of flats — presumably aimed at Muslims, most of whom have been driven from the town.

"I will not speak to you under any circumstances," splutters Bonifacije Barbaric, a Roman Catholic priest. "We don't trust the press, you distort the truth."

Truth in Bosnia, if there is any to be found after 16 months of civil war, takes a variety of forms. Croats, Serbs and Muslims each bave their own version, for which they kill and are killed.

Father Barbaric recollects relatives burned alive by Serb partiHe fumes at the second-class

status endured by Croats who refused to join the Serb-dominated Communist Party which ruled former Yugoslavia until the country began disintegrating three years ago.

These are the historical realities of our existence, which fore-ign reporters ignore," he says. Josip Broz Tito, the communist who ruled Yugoslavia unchallenged until his death in 1980, was a Croat.
"You make a kind of equation

between Croats and Serbs in this war and say we are the same. There is a difference between communists and Croats, but you don't see it."

When the Bosnian civil war broke out 16 months ago, Croats and Muslims fought as allies against rebel Serb forces.

That alliance shattered early this year under the force of Serb military advances. Now Croats and Muslims are battling each other for territory.

If the historical divide between Catholic Croats and Orthodox

Serbs runs deep in this part of Bosnia, it is at least a gulf between rough equals. Croats bere speak of Muslims

as a different species. We cannot have friends among the Muslims because they are underdeveloped people, said a man in the Capljina area who gave his name but requested that it not be used.

"Their birth rate is excessive. They breed like rabbits and they are making the Croat a minority in his own land.

The accepted answer here seems to be to drive Muslims out by force, a process called "ethnic cleansing" in Bosnia.

Ethnic Cleansing was first prac-tised by rebel Serbs against Croats during fighting in Croatia in 1991, then by Serbs against Muslims and Croats in Bosnia.

Now all three groups are trying to "cleanse" territories they hold. anticipating the possible partition of Bosnia into separate ethnic

In the name of Christian charity we cannot allow Muslims to take our land or our homes," said over."

Father Barbaric. "What man would not take up a gun to defend himself? Other Croats in the area, re-

membered as a stronghold of Nazi-inspired ustashi forces in World War II, take a more extreme view of the Muslim problem and it solutions.

"We should pray to God for another kind of Hitler to be born to bring Europe back to reason, said one, who asked not to be identified. 'Sweden is taking in Muslims

as refugees but it's only a matter of time before they drive them out too. Europe cannot co-exist with the Muslims." Reporters touring Capljina

stop to investigate at a row of wrecked shops. A charred cafe is flanked by smaller businesses with shattered windows.

"The Muslim cafe was bombed two nights ago, "explains a Croat jeweller in the next shop also destroyed in the blast.

Suddenly a huge man appears on the street outside the shop, barking: "Police this interview is

LETTERS

Swift action

To the Editor:

In addition to my letter of July 24, 1993, relating to the murder of seven street children in Rio de Janeiro last Friday. I wish to emphasise the abhorrence that such a crime has aroused in the Brazilian government and in the Brazilian government and

in the Brazilian society as a whole.

As I had already indicated, President Itamar Franco expressed his repudiation of the erime in unequivocal terms and asked the minister of justice to use all available means to make sure that the perpetrators are

The president and the minister of justice travelled to Rio de Janeiro last weekend to follow-up the matter with Governor Brizola. Government officials are considering structural measures to address the problems of street children in Rio.

The three policemen apprehended in the case have been charged with qualified murder; for each of the seven murders they may be sentenced from 12 to 30 years of imprisonment. The inquiry has been forwarded to the Second Criminal Court of Rio de Janeiro and the suspects are at the

disposal of the judge in charge of the inquiry.

On Tuesday, the government of the State of Rio de Janeiro dismissed On ruesday, the government of the state of Kilo de Janetto Col. Manoel Henrique de Amorim from his functions as commanding officer of the 5th Battalion of Military Police, the unit in charge of the 5th Battalion of Military Police.

patrolling the centre of Rio de Janeiro and to which the presume on July 28, the minister of justice convened a special meeting of the National Council for Children and Adolescents to deal with the issue of

These elements are brought to the attention of the world public opinion to demonstrate the determination with which the Brazilian government is

Fernando S. Alves, Ambassader of Brazil, Amman.



Recycling scheme 'chokes'

By Nao Nakanishi Reuler

BONN - Germany's ambitious scheme to recycle plastic packaging has run into trouble because covironment-conscious Germans have collected too much.

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People have gathered far more plastic than we had expected," said Martina Kreck of Daules System Deutschland GMBH (DSD), a private firm set up in 1991 to coordinate the national programme. We just do not have enough processing

DSD has come under increasing criticism as plastie packaging for consumer products, marked with a distinctive green dot logo to signify the material can be recycled, has piled up instead of

being processed for refuse. Regional authorities have threatened to withdraw their support for the system, the most wide-ranging and ambitious of its kind in the world.

Environment Minister Klaus Toepfer has dismissed the problems as a temporary setback which he expects will disappear as new recycling plants are built to meet demand.

"Before, the yoghurt containers and other refuse were just mixed in with other rubbish... I am happy that the piles of plastic are there now for everybody to

see," be said.
"That increases the pressure on those responsible to create new capacity and avoid using packag-ing or sell at the correspondingly higher price," Mr. Toepfer

His ministry found the amount of packaging used had fallen by about 500,000 tonnes to 11.7 million tonnes in 1992, the first

decline after years of growth.

The programme is paid for by a fee charged for every product licensed to carry the logo and the cost is reflected in retail prices.

DSD, set up by hundreds of German companies, aims by 1995 to gather 80 per cent of the country's used packaging, most of it from consumer products, and recycle about 80 per cent.

Consumers are asked to pick out plastie bottles, containers and wrappings, clean them and put them in special yellow bins and bags for collection every two to four weeks by firms under contract to DSD.

The Germans, traditionally keen on environmental turoed to the task with greater zeal than expected.

DSD predicted that 100,000 tonnes of plastics would be collected with other packaging this year but the amount looks likely to reach about 400,000. National capacity for recyling the plastics is only about 165,000 toooes a year.

This is expected to rise as the system is extended to include all German households by the end of this year from the two-thirds covered currently. Germany gets through about one million tonnes of plastic packaging every year.

DSD tried in vain to persuade local governments to take over much of the excess plastic for dumping or burning until it had built up enough processing capac-

ity.

The amount of plastic waste, which is costly and difficult to recycle, forced industry to come up with an additional 500 million marks (\$291.1 millioo) last month to rescue DSD from financial trouble caused party by the failure of some firms using the green dot to pay the liceoce fee.

Instead of a unilateral fee of about two pfennigs (\$3.5 cents) per package, DSD in October will introduce a new price system. reflectiog the higher processing costs for plastics.

With the plastics fee at three marks a kilo (\$80 cents a pound) compared with 16 pfeonigs a kilo (\$12 cents a pound) for glass, DSD should be able to fill its coffers and encourage manufaeturers to switch to more coviron-

mentally friendly packaging. "We want to create the missing processing capacity as soon as possible," Ms. Kreck said. DSD hopes to handle 350,000 tonnes of plastic next year and 800,000 tonnes by 1996.

It is also looking at building two plants in former East Germany using new technology to convert used plastic into crude oil or gas - a method industry regards as the best way of reusing

plastic in the future. There is already one such plant io the West German city of Bottrop, where about 40,000 tonnes of waste will be turned into crude

oil next year rather than being moulded into new shapes. DSD has had a difficult start with plastic waste. Piles of green dot rubbish were discovered last

year on dumps in France and other countries. But the company is confident it

has solved that problem with new limits on exports, including requiring German inspection of foreign recycling sites.

Mob rule sends shivers through Russia's new business class

By Richard Balmforth Reuter

MOSCOW — The seven gunmen burst into a car showroom in southern Moscow firing machineguns and pistols.

Workers inside the Italian-Russian dealership, themselves armed, fired back. By the time the battle was over, three men were dead. A fourth died later of his wounds. Last week's Chicago-style

shootout — possibly over non-payment of "protection money" police say - was one of a series of gangland iocidents highlighting the tightening hold of organised crime on post-communist Russia.

From Moscow to the far eastern Pacifie seaboard, Mafia-style syndicates are springing up to grab rich pickings from Russia's

ehaotic lurch to capitalism.
They are sending shivers through Russia's new class of entrepreneurs, industrialists and financiers. In a dramatie appeal Russia's

top bankers have pleaded with President Boris Yeltsin to provide protection for them from a eampaign of murder and iotimidation by mobsters. Hitmen have killed at least 10

banking officials in Moscow, St. Petersburg and Yekaterinburg on the orders of gangs seeking to exen leverage over the commercial banks, according to an open letter signed by five senior bank-

The new financial, entrep-

gun-sights of well-organised ban-dits armed with up-to-date tech-nical means," it said.

em societies but official figures make gloomy reading all the same.

The racketeers and gangsters have stepped into a void left by the collapse of the old Soviet structures and particularly the KGB state security apparatus that assured foreigners, the rich and privileged of round-the-clock big brother protection.

Former cosmonaut Igor Volk - a member of a privileged elite under communism — was beaten, stabbed and robbed in Moscow this month by assailants who fled in his Mercedes. -

Last Tuesday two gunmen shot dead the manager of a central Moscow restaurant, known as a criminals' haunt, and then turned their guns on two kiosk vendors nearby, killing them too.

Many foreign businessmen are reluctant to talk to threats by the gangs, preferring to shut up and pay "protection money" rather than face the alternative, diplomats say.

Interior Minister Viktor Yerin announced last week that 150 organised crime syndicates, comprising 3,000 separate gangs, were operating in the sprawling Russian federation.

Mr. Yerin said a police drive had exposed more than 1,000 mafia-style gangs - unrelated to Italian or American organised crime — in Moscow and other big cities and he was confident the authorities were "definitely win-

ning" the fight.
He consoled himself with the fact that the crime rate for Russia reneurial institutions are in the was still lower than in most west-

The murder rate rose by almost 50 per cent in Russia in the first six months of the year, with firearms offences increasing three-fold compared with the corresponding period in 1992. In all, 14,800 people were murdered. The collapse of the once awe-

some Soviet military machine has increased the availability of guns to the underworld.

A 10-year war in Afghanistan and disillusioned soldiers returning from Eastern Europe mean there are plenty of men who know how to press the trigger. Law enforcement chiefs in Moscow say they are seeking to rejuvenate the demoralised

police force which is understaffed and often quite simply outgunned on the street by the mobsters. In the present get-rich-quick climate in Moscow, many police officials are simply paid by the gangs to drop their investigations

One newspaper commentator said the main problem was that the Yeltsin leadership — preoc-cupied with winning the battle for power in the Kremlin and piecing together an economic programme had simply not made law-andorder a priority.

"Those in power not only cannot, but do not want genuinely to fight crime, because the level of crime worries them far less than the part they occupy in the power structure," wrote Yuri Feofanov in Moskovskaya Pravda.



Nationwide epidemic: Kiev police arrest a suspected extortionist (File photo)

Las Vegas pyramid — next wonder of the world?

LAS VEGAS, Nevada (AFP) — A new pyramid-shaped botel, casino and entertainment complex evoking ancient Egypt rises 30 stories out of the Nevada desert as an extravagant newcomer, even in larger-than-life Las

Luxor Las Vegas, described as an "entertainment megastore," will include a 40 billion candlepower light beam - described as the most powerful in the world— and a "River Nile" circling the interior perimetre.

Circus Circus Enterprises, owner of the \$300 million complex to be opened in October, touts the project unmodestly as "the next wonder of the world."

"What took 40 years and vast ancient times is being replicated today in the sands of Las Vegas as Luxor," the firm said in a new release.

"Luxor is the culmination of our work to blend arehitecture, technology and engineering into an upscale entertainment megastore," said Circus Circus senior Vice President Bill Paulos.

"Our goal is to create a destination resort whose interior exceeds the promises of its one-ofa-kind exterior.

The pyramid of reflective glass will contain reproductions of artifacts from ancient Egypt, including bieroglyphics, columns and tombs found in the Valley of the Kings and the Valley of the The entrance will sport a 10-

story sphinx with eyes shooting lasers that interact with an obelisk and lagoon. The "museum" also will coo-

tain a full-scale reproduction of Kiog Tut's tomb. Egyptian-theme shows will be

staged, including aerial acrobatics, belly dancing and a choreographed chariot race. Guests will be taken to the 2,500-room hotel by boats across

the lagoon and then transported to their suites at a 39-degree angle aboard the elevators set in each corner of the pyramid. Special effects wizard Douglas

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Third Kind" fame - rigged the entertainment portion of the complex which offers three interactive "adventures" set in the past, present and future. And then, of course, there is

About 9,300 square metres bave been devoted to slot machines, gaming tables, poker, keno and all manner of bettiog activities.

the staple of Las Vegas: gamb-

"The pyramid of reflective glass will contain reproductions of artefacts from ancient Egypt, including hieroglyphics, columns and tombs in the Valley of the Kings and the Valley of the Queens."

Lounges, bars and seven theme restaurants - including a buffet set mysteriously enough in a "downtown metropolitan setting" - round out the list of luxuries awaiting the some 11 million visitors the glitz-on-glitz complex hopes to attract

Construction was completed on the exterior earlier this month, an event Circus Circus marked by storing symbolic items in the pyramid's capstone, including a China plate with Luxor's insignia

and a scarab. "Luxor's capstone deposit sig-nifies prosperity for both the hotel and those who visit," a hopeful University of Nevada art historian, Fred Sigman, intoned

Black, white militants problem for S. Africa

By David Tucker Reuter

JOHANNESBURG - South African neo-Nazi leader Eugene Terre Blanche speaks frequently of the "coming war between the

More militant black groups still use the "kill the boer, kill the farmer" chant --- once espoused but now officially disowned by the African National Congress (ANC).
Political analysts say that as

South Africa makes the thorny transition from minority to allrace rule, a mixture of white

militancy and black radicalism could prove a lethal cocktail. There is potential for them

(the extreme right) to be the catalyst for a racial explosion," said Professor Charles van Onselen of the Independent Africa Studies Institute.

The white right, like Mr. Terre Blanche's Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB), say their numbers have been swelled by whites who accuse the ruling National Party of being soft on crime and of selling out its Afrikaner heritage.

But Stef Coetzee, from the Independent Africa Institute of South Africa, said he believed

in the right-wiog umbrella Afri-kaner People's Front (AVF) would dump Mr. Terre Blanche when it became apparent ultraright demands for an independent white state would not be met. He said be believed multi-party negotiators were ready for a com-

"moderate and centrist" leaders

promise deal offering Afrikaners "bomeland" within a federal South Africa. "There is every possibility that a settlement for the moderate and centre-right could be found within the federal structure," he said,

Calls by black radicals for the

killings of whites and the fears of

the white "working class" that they could lose their jobs to blacks in the "new South Africa" provide a fertile breeding ground for white extremism. The right has linked this and

other similar calls by black radicals to a surge in killings of white farmers, their deaths used by the

When black marchers recently called for the killing of Mr. Terre Blanche, he retorted by challenging them to fight it out face-to-"We will surely face, adding:

The "hands-off" policy adopted by the police when Mr. Terre Blanche's uniformed troops occupied the World Trade Centre, forcing multi-party negotiators to hide in a locked room, reinforced the extremists' sense

The subsequent arrests of

many of those involved in the occupation dented that confidence but the AWB was soon back in action, occupying a factory 'to protect whites threatened by black workers." The police again took no ac-

of power.

Multi-party negotiators have sent next April as the date for South Africa's first all-race election but Mr. Terre Blanche has warned of "ships foundering" in the run-up to democracy. Mr. Van Onselen said the atti-

tude of the police and army would be critical if the extremists went the extra mile and turned their militancy into direct military "It's a terrifying question. The

police and state forces need to be literate, skilled and to show they can be used in a preventative way in an intensely volatile situation,

Mr. Van Onselen said he believed that despite the formation of the Afrikaner People's Froot, the right wing was fractured and disunited and had minimal capa-

The right-wing were lightly-armed, had no beavy weapons and would be clearly outgunned by security forces. Options for guerrilla war were limited because the right-wingers were well

"They (the AVF) are trying to reconcile some semi-skilled Afrikaner workers with 'Three men and a goat' from the western Transvaal and crazed psychopaths from England who can't get on with Asians," Mr. Van

Onselen said. "It's a marriage of convenience. It can't last."

Schalk Pienaar, a spokesman for the biggest group in the AVF, the Conservanive Party (CP), says spiralling violence against both blacks and whites meant rightwingers might soon have to take the law into their own hands.

"It becomes the right of threatened communities to create law and order themselves... the time for offensive defence and retaliatory action," he said,

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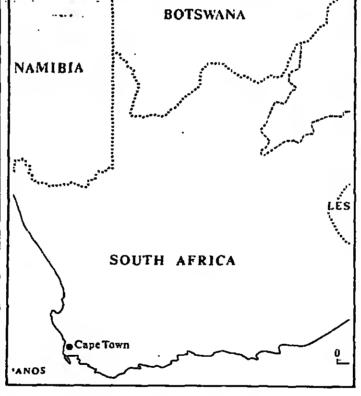
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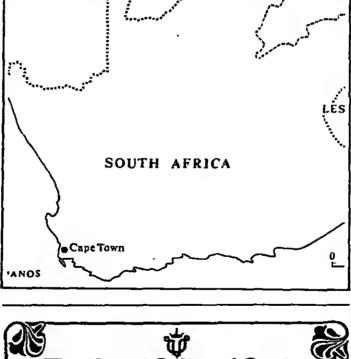
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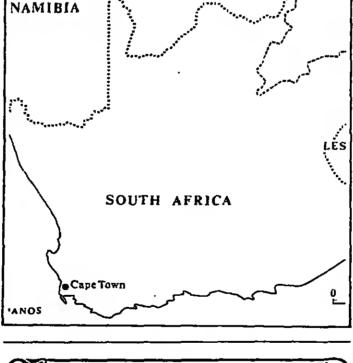
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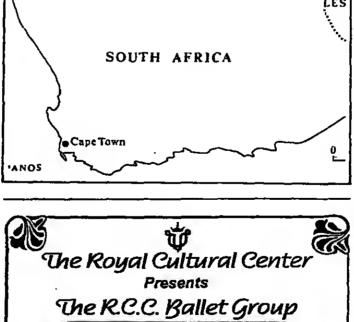
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NEWS IN BRIEF

THE HAGUE (AFP) - The number of people unemployed in

the Netherlands increased by nearly 25 per cent in the year to June, figures published by the Ceotral Statistical Office have showed. In the period for April to June, 359,000 people were unemployed compared with 286,000 in the same period of last

year. The figures for the second quarter of this year were the same

as those for the period from March to May. Since 1988 this comparison had shown a fall of about 10,000 people, and the

figures this year implied that the upward trend of unemployment was strong, the office said. "Only in Germany and in Spain is

unemployment rising as quickly as in the Netherlands," the office said. Unemployment in the Netherlands was estimated to be

rising at an annual rate of 26 per cent compared with an average

OSLO (AFP) — Norway increased its trade surplus, excluding ships and oil platforms, to 32 billion kroner (\$4.35 billion) in the

first half of the year from 25 billion kroner in the same period of

1992, official figures have showed. Norway exported goods worth 107 billion kroner, while imports totalled 75 billion kroner.

Exports of oil and gas amounted to 52.3 billion kroner which was 4.1 billioo kroner more than in the first balf of 1992, the bureau

said in its mid-year survey. The increase was attributable mainly

to an increase in output and prices, the Ceutral Bureau of

Statistics, which published the figures, said. Imports fell by almost

three billion kroner in the first six months of 1993. The trade

surplus in June fell to 5.02 billion kroner from 6.87 billion kroner

ALGIERS (R) — Algerian's state petroleum agency Sonatrach has signed contracts worth more than \$330 with Freoch and

Algerian companies to expand and improve the productivity of its

gas oetwork. It said in a statement a contract worth one billion

French francs (\$170 million) was awarded to Sofregaz of France

for a gas pumping and monitoring system. The 34-month contract

was for the supply and installation of three pumping stations, two

telecommunications systems and monitoring devices on a li-

quefied petroleum gas (LPG) pipeline linking the Alrar gas field to Hassi R'Mel in southern Algeria, it said. The investment will

be financed by the French bank Societe Generale with a

guarantee from the French export credit guarantee agency COFACE, the statement added. "The Alrar-Hassi R'Mel LPG

pipeline will enable Sontrach to consolidate its role of major

operator in the world liquefied petroleum gas market, and double

its export capacities to more than seven million tonnes with effect

from 1996 and to eight millions by 1988," it said. Sonatrach said it

also signed a contract Tuesday worth four billion dinars (\$167

million) with four Algerian firms for the construction of two

HOROSCOPE

Sofregaz wins Algerian contracts

rate in the European Community of 14 per cent, it said.

Norway increases trade surplus

Dutch unemployment rises

Gulf stock markets grow sharply after war

ABU DHABI (AFP) - A steep decline in interest rates and a post-Gulf war economic upturn bave sharply boosted activity in Gulf stock markets though they remained stifled by high state ownership and other restrictions.

. Except for Kuwait which is still recovering from the Iraqi invasion, turnover in the other Gulf Cooperation Council-(GCC) markets hit record levels in 1992 since sharedealing began in the region

"Gulf stock markets were the most active markets in the Arab World in 1992 due to an increase in liquidity and the growing confidence in regional economies after the Gulf war," the Kuwaiti-based Arab Corporation for Investment Guarantee said in a report this

"This was coupled with a decline in interest rates on bank

deposits and a trend to give the private sector a greater role. The boom was quite balanced in the absence of harmful speculation and manipulation," it pointed

From \$2.26 billion in 1991. turnover in Saudi Arabia jumped to \$3.65 billion worth of 35 million shares in 1992. This pushed "the share index to 188.87 at the end of 1992 from 178.77 at the end of 1991.

Saudi Arabia has the largest stock market in the GCC, with 78 banks and companies trading their shares through the most advanced bank network in the Arab World. Steady growth in sharedealing has pushed up their capitalisation to \$14.8 billion from around \$10.6 billion in 1988.

Saudi Arabia, the world's top oil exporter, has reported growth in most sectors due to the end of the war and the return of nearly \$25 billion in overseas funds. The highest demand in the market was for the shares of the banks. which reported record profits in

In the United Arab Emirates (UAE), sharedealing has steadily grown since it began in 1982 despite the absence of an official exchange.

The growth pushed the market value of the shares of the 26 banks and companies listed in the market to a record \$8.3 billion in 1992 compared with their paid-up capital of \$2.15 billion, an increase of 386 per cent. The unofficial index also surged by about 15 per cent to 1,727.65 Thurs-

"Activity could more than double if the UAE opens an official floor and gives access to foreign investors, " a UAE dealer said. 'The high state ownership in most institutions is also hindering development of the market here and in other Gulf states as govemments do not trade their

shares. The stock markets in Oman and Bahrain also sharply grew and officials have predicted continued expansion as more companies join the market and authorities plan to ease restrictions on dealing by foreigners.

UAE economy slows down

ABU DHABI (AFP) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) economy has sharply slowed down because of relative stability in its oil revenues, according to an official report,

After a growth of nearly 25 per cent in 1990, the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) increased by only 0.6 per cent in 1991 and 2.5 per cent in 1992, the central bank said in its annual report this week.

The GDP stood at 129.2 billion

dirhams (\$35.2 billion) in 1992, at 126 billion dirbams (\$34.3 billioo) in 1991 and 125.2 billion dirhams (\$34.1 billion) in 1990, the report showed. In 1989, it stood at around 101 billion dirhams (\$27.5 billion).

The report gave no reason for the lower growth but the UAE's oil production has not sharply fluctuated since the January-February 1991 Gulf war, standing at around 2.2 million barrels per day (b/d) compared with 1.8 million b/d in 1989.

This boosted its earnings to around \$15 billion annually after the war from \$10.3 billion in 1989. The UAE and other OPEC producers raised oil output in 1990 to make up for a halt in Iraqi and Kuwaiti supplies of four million b/d during the crisis.

In an early morning Rose Gar-den appearance Mr. Clinton sought to rally public support for the plan which faces a difficult battle winning approval by the full Congress. "The time has come to act. Unless the Congress acts on this budget we cannot remove the

uncertainty that exists in the economy. We cannot continue to bring interest rates down and we cannot possibly move on to the other challenges that await us." Mr. Clinton said.

ficit reduction plan worth nearly

\$500 billion over five years and

said it will keep interest rates

down and rejuvenate the U.S.

"I need your help." he said to the public in the televised

"This plan will keep interest rates down and grow the Amer-ican economy," the president

He said the tentative plan worked out by Congress comes very close to his original economic goals to cut the deficit without relying on large tax increases for middle income people or cutting social programmes for the

poor and elderly.
"I believe this is the least possible (tax) burden we can have and achieve meaningful deficit reduction," he said.

announced a tentative agreement Friday on President Clinton's economic plan they said would cut the U.S. budget deficit by nearly \$500 billion over five

White House officials hailed the proposal as meeting the key elements of Mr. Clinton's ambitious plan, which includes about \$250 billion in spending cuts and \$250 billion in new taxes.

"There's agreement in principle and we're very encouraged by that," said White House spokes-

yen a year earlier.

up 33.1 per cent, the official said.

Japan's vehicle

exports fall to lowest

level in 14 years

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's vehicle exports in this year's JanuaryJune period felt to 2.79 million, the fewest for any year's first halfsince 1979, the Japan A Womehile Manufacturers Association has

since 1979, the Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association has

A slump in the U.S. and European markets was the main problem, said an association official, speaking on condition of

anonymity. The yen's rise against the dollar made Japanese

foreign exchange market was 107.29 yen, compared with 126.91

The average closing rate of the dollar io June on Tokyo's

The vehicle export total fell 3.5 per cent from the first half of

It included 2,190,168 passenger cars, down 3.5 per cent from a

year earlier; 555,240 trucks, down 7.0 per cent and 45,639 buses,

vehicles more expensive abroad, the official added.

WASHINGTON (R) - Presirequirements the president dent Bill Clinton Saturday urged started out with have been met by Congress to pass a tentative de-

Clinton praises

congressional

budget pact

this agreement. Senate majority leader George Mitchell said the final agreement would be announced Monday and would include about \$500 billion in deficit cuts.

We are very confident that this will be a programme that will meet the president's original guidelines and will be approved by both the House and the Senate during the latter part of next week," Mr. Mitchell said.

After failing to win critical support from conservative Senate Democrats, negotiators Thursday surrendered to their demands and agreed the plan would include a petrol tax increase of only 4.3 cents a gallon (3.8 litres).

The original House version of the bill had a broader energy tax raising \$72 billion over five years. but the new petrol tax raises only \$22 billion.

That left negotiators scrambling to find ways of meeting the \$500 billion deficit-cutting goal at the same time they paid for new social spending demanded by House liberals and the congressional black caucus.

Congressional sources said the compromise included a \$56 billion cut in the medicare, the U.S. government-sponsored health care plan for the elderly, \$6 billion more than the House approved and \$2 billion less than the Senate passed. The cuts will Congressional negotiators come from payments to doctors and hospitals.

In a provision designed to win the 38 critical House votes of the congressional black caucus, the new plan includes \$21 billion to expand a tax credit for the work-

ing poor.
It also includes a \$2.5 billion expansion of the food stamp programme over five years, congressional sources said.

The measure also includes about \$3 billion for tax breaks and new spending in some depressed

FORECAST FOR SUNDAY AUGUST 1, 1993 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Reconsider the ideas and position of the other fellow and you will find that you can quickly come to an understanding with those with whom you have had an argument of late. Clear up any romantic

pipelines totalling 600 kilometres.

ARIES: (March-21-to-April 19) This is your day to try to remain at

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) A very good time to find the answers for which you have been searching at whatever lofty sources are available to you and then to really live

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Think about the various means by which you can have a greater abundance and to spare of whatever your needs happen to be and get advice from outside sources.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Consider now what your own personal goals are and the best manner in which you can nd your time, energies to make them a part of your exist-

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) A day to see, to be with and to enjoy as many of your close chuins and resting acquaintances as possible and let them know your true

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Now you find that the outside

world is the place for you to be and to be with good friends and influential associates towards gaining

joint goals. LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Dash about in public seeing as many persons as possible and en-saging in any worldly pursuits and activities that are available to you -

home and get matters worked out there as they will best suit your own dans purposes in the future.

SEINRIO: (October 23 to November 21) A day to forget usual activities and get into new and ones that fascinate you and you will find you are able to greatly add to your

wellbeing. SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) See just what you can do to arrange your time during the coming week so that you are more productive of practical and beneficial results.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Think about the various means by which you can please those nutside partners and associates with wbom you are allied and work more in their

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Scheduling the coming weeks tasks and activities can bring you a much more effective and productive time during the coming

days so get busy at this. PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) You now are very much interested in pleasures and rightly so and can have a very romantic evening by getting in an affectionate and loving mood.

NOTICE

JORDAN ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY PREQUALIFICATION OF CIVIL WORKS CONTRACTORS **AQABA THERMAL POWER STATION** STAGE II **TENDER NO. 59/93**

Jordan electricity Authority (JEA) intends to issue tender forms for prequalifications of civil works contractors for the extension of Aqaba Thermal Power Station-Stage II.

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The construction work is expected to commence on site in May 1994 and the project is expected to be financed by Arab and international development funds in addition to the self-financing by JEA.

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Iran's privatisation falls behind schedule

TEHRAN (R) — Only 14 of Iran's 391 state-owned companies slated for privatisation by next March have been floated, the head of the

Tehran Stock Exchange Taqi Rajaei Salmasi said.
In an interview published in Resalat newspaper. Mr. Salmasi said the remaining 377 companies had to pay their debts or make necessary structural changes before they could be admitted to the

"There has been no success so far... fourteen companies have been admitted... the remainder of the 391 have financial or structural problems," he said. Mr. Salmasi confirmed that shares in Iran Khodrow. Iran's biggest

can manufacturing company, would be sold from Sunday.

But he did not say how many more companies were likely to be floated by March 20, the end of Iran's current five-year plan which incorporates the privatisation drive. The turnover on the exchange dropped by 25 per cent in the year to

Iranian economy. Mr. Salmasi said the exchange would expand its network throughout Iran when 250 computer terminals are installed in Tehran and other cities over the next five months.

March 20 to 352 billion (\$229 million), reflecting a slowdown in the

In its continuous endeavours to meet the client's needs and under the slogan "Ask Us to Reward You for Your Loyalty," Air France announced the introduction of its Frequent Flyer Programme (Frequence Plus) in Egypt, Sudan, Leba-non, Syria and Jordan as of July of this year.

Frequences Plus entitles all Air France full-fare passengers travelling on Air France and Air Inter to earn aeropoints which are consequently transformed into free rickets for

travel throughout the world on the "Air France Group" network the beneficiary of free ticke could well be the member himself or any other person he may choose.

If the client wishes, these aeropoints could also be used towards class-upgrading on long-haul flights or towards excess baggage.

Air France has already anticipated a "welcoming bonus" of aeropoints for all new members of Frequence Plus.

Air France launches flyer programme

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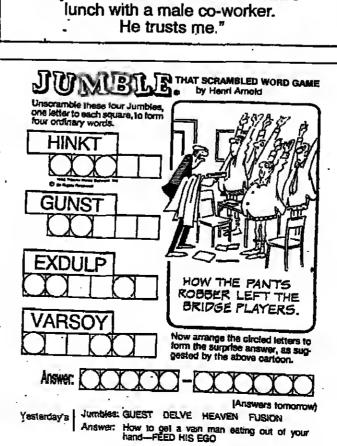




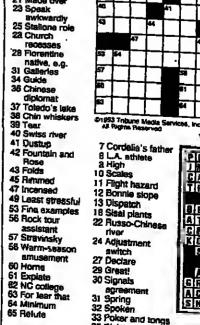








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Vatican attacks Italian. health tax on dead

VATICAN (R) — The Vatican Saturday ridiculed the Rome government for imposing a health tax on the dead, saying this was the latest in a long line of insults the Italian people had to endure.

Radio phone-in programmes have in recent days been flooded with calls from outraged citizens complains that they were being forced to pay an annual medical tax of 85,000 lire (\$52) for each member of their family, even

those who died this year. The Vatican daily L'Osservatore Romano quoted Health Minister Maria Pia Garvaglia as saying the government had been

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forced to adopt the measure for economic reasons in order tu meet international obligations.

Commenting on one of western Europe's worst health services, it said this would be very hard to swallow in a country, where officials had embezzied money destined for the sick.

"Not even the dead are re-spected," it said. "This is the latest and most bitter insult the Italian people have had to endure from the tax authorities."

Only babies and poor families are exempt from the highly controversial tax.

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French Franc	0.1164 ·	0.1170	
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Dutch Guilder	G. 5542	0.3560	
Swedish Krona	0.0844	0.0848	
Italian Lira	0.0431	0.0433	
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Saudi Kiyal	0.1850	0.1875
Kuwaitl Dinar	2.2300	2.3100
Qatari Kiyal	0.1885	0. 1920
Egyptian Pound	0.2000	0.2300
Omani Riyal	1.7780	1.8150
JAE Dirham	0.1885	0.1920 .
Greek Drachma	0.28875	0.37875
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China loses \$18 billion a year in tax evasion

learning one of the oldest tricks of capitalism - tax evasion.

The official Economic Reference News said Saturday the country is losing an estimated 100 billion yuan (\$18 billion) a year in unpaid taxes, which is causing serious damage to the national economy.

Nationally since 1985, some 22 tax officials have been killed. 36 crippled and 1,452 seriously injured in the course of their work and there have been 1,916 attacks on tax offices, it said.

Despite all the efforts by armies of inspectors they had only been able to recover a total of 90.1 billion yuan (\$15.8 hillion) since 1985.

The paper said it was the responsibility of every citizen to pay his taxes and the level of evasion would rise if the problem was not solved. China has posted a budget de-

ficit in each of the pat seven years, in part because the central government has failed to collect taxes effectively. Meanwhile, a top state economist said in comments pub-lished Saturday that China's red-

hot economy is barrelling toward an "explosion" next year that can be avoided only if new control measures slow things down. But Lai Guangxian, director of the State Information Centre's Economic Forceasting Department, added his prediction that

bring growth to a halt. "The package will nut bring on a recession." Mr. Lai told the official China Daily newspaper. On the contrary, if the dis-

orders remained unchecked, the

the stepped up controls would not

BEUING (R) — China is fast economy would explode next to rise only 14 per cent. catching up with the West in year. Then a recession would He said a preferable hut less year. Then a recession would arrive." he said.

Even under what is being called the "readjustment," China's at a double-digit rate for the rest of the year," Mr. Lai said.

Economic growth has been accelerating rapidly since para-mount leader Deng Xiaoping called for faster reforms a year ago. China's gross domestic product

recently has been expanding at an annualised 14 per cent with retail inflation galloping past 20 per eent in cities — much to the horror of the stability-minded communist government.

In a new forecast just completed for ascendant recommics supremo Zhu Rongji and other central government planners. Mr. Lai outlined two broad scenarios for controlled economic develop-

Under one scenario, which Mr. Lai calls more likely. GDP Growth would continue at a heady 12.7 per cent to 13 per cent, accompanied by a 32 per cent rise in investment in fixed assets nation-

New bank loans would go up 18.5 per cent, cash input would surge 34.6 per cent and industrial output would rise 20 per cent, he

What makes this scenario uttractive. Mr. Lai said, is that even though retail inflation would rise 12 per cent, urban per-capita income would grow even faster at 20 per cent - keeping consumers' heads above water.

The price rises would be more painful for rural consumers, whose income could be expected

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likely scenario would see GDP grow 11.1 per cent and investment in fixed assets grow 24.2 per economy is expected to "develop cent. Bank loans would rise 18 per cent and retail inflation would be slightly above 10 per cent.

Despite Zhu Rongji's calls for new "macroeconomic controls" capitalist-style levers like control of money supply and interest rate adjustments — Mr. Lai implied that achieving the second scenario requited more skill than the government now commands.

'It is more difficult to achieve the second result because it requires sophisticated fine-tuning on the readjustment of the eco-

He also doubted whether local and provincial governments could be counted on to carry out such

fine-tuning.

Mr. Lai said the slowdown ordered by Mr. Zhu had "reaped its first fruits." noting that order was returning to the chaotic and ill-regulated property and securities markets, that the volatile currency had strengthened and stabilised and that bank deposits had grown sharply since an early July interest rate hike.

Prices for raw materials, pushed sharply higher in recent months by soaring demand, have begun to fall, he said.

This year's state treasury bond issue - virtually ignored as of mid-May - has finally been sold

Analysts cautioned that much of the success — particularly the currency rebound and the bond sale - resulted more from strong-armed state administrative measures than from effective macroeconomic management.

Report says Kuwait used 60% of foreign assets

spent 60 per cent of foreign reserves worth around \$90 billion an economic consultancy reported Saturday.

The Al Shall Consultancy's estimate was contained in a mixed review of the economy three years after Iraq's 1990 invasion of its small oil-exporting neighbours.

Al Shall, run by Jassem Al Saadoun, an economic adviser to parliament, said Kuwait's costs were a fraction of the indirect costs of the 1990-91 Gulf crisis and its economy had borne up bener than many states only indirectly affected.

"Specialised institutions estimate the direct and indirect cost of the catastrophe at a few hundred billion dollars," the consultancy's weekly economic commentary said.

"If we add those to the costs of the (1980-88) Iran-Iraq war, we can say that if that total, or a part of it, was used in construction rather than destruction then the present and future of the region would have been different from the reality," it added.

KUWAIT (R) - Kuwait has more than 90 billion," it said. billion dinars (\$23.4 billion) in noting the country had run up debt on domestic and internationon costs related to the Gulf war, all markets of \$30 billion since the six-week war that ended Iraq's occupation.

A parliamentary committee advised by Mr. Saadoun last month reported a fund holding most of Kuwait's overseas assets had halved in value in the 30month period that started with lrag's seven-month occupation.

The committee's report gave no figures. But a report issued by the Kuwait News Agency shortly afterwards said the assets were believed worth up to \$45 billion. The drop in the assets which are meant to fund Kuwait when

its oil runs out next century was

due mostly to war costs. But some members of parliament say at least some of the fall was due to abuse and mismanagement in state investment bodies.

Al Shall, echoing official figures, noted the budget deficit in the 1993-94 fiscal year was expected to be between one billion and two billion dinars (\$3.3 billion and \$6.6 billion). Gross domestic product at cur-

rent prices in calendar 1992 Kuwait had spent "60 per cent of its forcign savings which were dinars (\$20.7 billion) from 7.1

1989, the last full year before the

Kuwait ran a trade deficit of 233 million dinars (\$768 million) in 1992 compared to a 1.5 billion dinar (\$4.9 billion) surplus in

But its situation was better than other countries affected by the war, including Iraq, Al Shall

The dinar had eased only four per cent against the dollar since 1989, from 0.292 dinar to 0.303 dinar to the dollar, and the cost of living at the end of March 1993 was only 12 per cent higher than in may 1990. This was an accept-

able inflation rate.

"Iraq will be lucky if, after several decades of backwardness. it can recover to where it was (economically) on Aug. 2, 1990 and still remain unified," it added. "The region will keep on fighting and exporting political and social instability, consuming a big amount of resources."

Al Shall added the region had lost the ability to price its resources, an apparent reference to arguments within the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries about how to deal with

EC, Japan remain top exporters to UAE

ABU DHABI (AFP) - The European Community (EC) and Japan maintained their rank in 1992 as top exporters to the United Arab Emirates (UAE). accounting for nearly half its total imports, a state-run bank has

EC exports to the UAE stood

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at 22 billion dirhams (\$5.99 billion), nearly 35 per cent of the total UAE imports while Japan's exports reached 10.7 billion dirbams (\$2.91 billion), accounting for 16.6 per cent, the Emi-rates Industrial Bank (EIB) said in a report.

with exports of 5.7 billion; dirhams (\$1.55 billion) while exports by Arab states stood at 3.2 billion dirhams (\$971 million). Exports by former communist states in East Europe remained aslow as 500 million dirhams (\$136 million) despite their drive to The United States came third, boost sales to the oil-rich Gulf.

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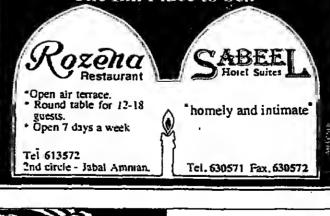
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Bosnia fighting rages on despite peace deal

Fighting raged in Bosnia Saturday despite a tentative peace deal in Geneva and an agreement by · military commanders of the three warring factions to cease hostilities across the republic.

Muslim forces captured two Croat villages outside the Bosnian town of Gornji Vakup. British peacekeepers said it was the heaviest fighting they have seen in the area.

Kruba and Bistrica fell as Muslim forces continued a campaign against their former Croat allies that has yielded several military successes in recent months, including the capture of four important towns.

In Geneva, peace mediator Lord Owen said that despite Friday's agreement to turn Bosnia into a "union" of three republics. a final settlement had still not been achieved.

Bosnian factions continued their talks in Geneva, turning their attention to the thorny ques-, tion of how the Bosnian state might look once the fighting

stops. Lord Owen told reporters: There are all sorts of people out there who want to continue the war, on all three sides, and they will try and trigger off incidents and try and derail the process.

There's no doubt about it." Muslim-controlled Sarajevo Radio reported shelling overnight and on Saturday in areas to the north of the capital.

It said Bosnian units had come under Serb and Croat attacks in the lowns of Maglaj, Tesanj, Zavidovici, Olovo and Brcko. The Bosnian Serb News Agency (SRNA) said two Serb soldiers

ISLAMABAD (Agencies) -

Russian fighters have bombed

villages in northern Afghanistan

in the first reported air raids on

the area, killing 20 people and injuring 30, official Kabul Radio

Eight jets bombed several vil-

lages in the Shahr-E-Bozorg dis-

trict of northern Badakshan pro-

vince along the troubled border

with the Central Asian Republic

of Tajikistan Wednesday, accord-

ing to the radio, monitored in

Several villages were destroyed

Kabul says more than 300

ifghans have been killed or in-

jured in artillery attacks by Rus-

sian forces deployed across the

border in Tajikistan in retaliation

for cross-border raids by Islamic

Tajik rebels who have fled to

barded northern Afghanistan

since Tajik rebels who look re-

fuge in Afghanistan after the

defeat of their uprising last year

launched a raid on a Russian

border post on July 13 that killed

25 soldiers and 100 Tajik villa-

Kabul Radio said a Russian delegation led by Yevgeny Prima-

kov, a special envoy of President

Bons Yeltsin, arrived in Kabul on

is backing the rebels, and Mr.

Yeltsin has sent reinforcements

to Tajikistan to police the border.
Afghanistan has demanded

that Russia withdraw its forces

along the border and has said it

will respond to further attacks.

have stirred memories on all sides

of the Soviet Union's ill-fated

military intervention in Afghanis-

tan from 1979 to 1989 to prop up

The cross-border incidents

Moscow says the Afghan army

Friday for talks.

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tock killed, the broadcast said,

said Saturday.

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Friday night in a Muslim infantry attack near the town of Konjic, further south.

A U.N. spokesman in Sarajevo, however, offered a cautiously optimistic assessment of the ceasefire, which officially went into force Friday evening after being agreed by the com-manders of the Serb. Muslim and Croat forces.

"It is too early right now but the indications are that the fight-ing has abated considerably throughout Bosnia-Herzegovina. I say that very cauriously," said Commander Barry Frewer.

Before the villages near Gornii Vakuf fell, they came under Muslim tank and artillery fire.

"This is the heaviest fighting British forces have witnessed in south-central Bosnia," a U.N. source in the central Bosnian town of Vitez told Reuters.

The two villages flank a supply route used to bring relief supplies into Bosnia from warehouses on the Adriatic coast. The route, known in U.N. parlance as Route Diamond, was closed to all traffic as a result of the fighting.

U.N. sources reported the Croat-held town of Prozor, about 25 kilometres south of Gornji Vakuf, was also under heavy Muslim artillery fire, A T-55 lank

was burning in the town.
Under the plan agreed in Geneva, Bosnia would become 'the Union of Republics of Bosnia and Herzegovina." This would not be a confederation, as favoured by the Serbs and the Croats, nor a federation, which

what the Muslims want. Bosnian President Alija Izeth govic was quick to warn that

Gulbuddin Hekmatyar

Mujahedeen rebels.

Moscow sees the frontier as a

crucial line of defence against the

threat of Islamic fundamentalism.

and its Guards are stanoned there

by agreement with the Tajik gov-

former Soviet-backed Commun-

ist government in April 1992,

much of the country has been

divided into fiefdoms controlled

by rival guerrillas who pay little

heed to the coalition Islamic gov-

Kabul says the government is only providing aid to the esti-

mated 60,000 Tajiks who have

taken refuge in the north of the

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Afghan Prime Minister Gul-

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tan and rebuffed a Ru-

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have been killed.

Since the fall of Afghanistan's

had been killed and six wounded Own agreement to the new deal had been "preliminary" and depended on ratification by the Bosnian National Assembly.

His warning ws reinforced by one Bosnian Muslim leader, opposition representative Mohammad Filipovic, who told reporters as he arrived for the talks: "Nothing is finished. No-

thing is accepted yet."
That was also the view of Bosnian army Commander Rasim Delic, who told reporters in Sarajevo: "Nothing is signed yet, it is preliminary to our agree-

He was also under few illusions about the truce he negotiated with the commanders of the Serb and Croat forces, predicting: "According to experience, it

won't last. Meanwhile British U.N. troops who came under attack in a quarry in southeast Bosnia-Herzegovina returned fire and saw one of their assailants fall to the ground, the Ministry of Defence said Saturday in London. The exchange of fire between troops of the Royal Engineers and unidenlified attackers took place Thursday in the quarry near

Bujaojno, the ministry said.
"Two Warriors (armoured vehicles) came under fire and the engineers returned some warning shots," a ministry spokesman

The firing intensified, the engineers then fired at their attackers and "one man was seen to fall," the spokesman added,

The spokesman stressed that this was not the first time that British troops in Bosnia had returned fire after coming under

Russian jets bomb northern Afghanistan "Afghanistan is not involved in Tajikistan. This is an internal issue and should be solved by the two parties concerned - the Tajik government and the opposition." Mr. Hekmatyar told jour-

> Kabul. "If these two parties ask for our mediation we are prepared to help," the prime minister said .. Mr. Hekmatyar said he was opposed to a joint meeting of

nalists at his headquarters outside

foreign ministers from the region as Moscow has suggested. "We will not send our foreign minister to Dushanbe," Mr. Hekmatyar said, adding that if he did this it could be construed as an

admission that Afghanistan was directly involved in the crisis in Mr. Hekmatyar, one of the Mujahedeen leaders whose forces fought the former Soviet Red

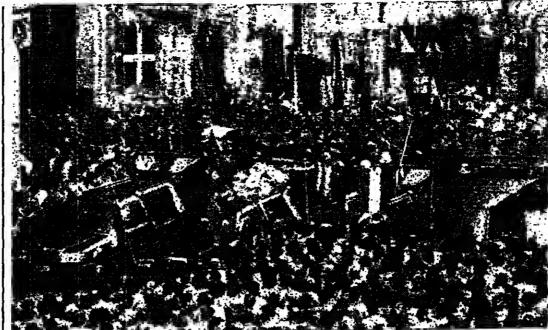
Army during its occupation of Afghanisian, condemned the Russian attacks and called for a withdrawal of Moscow's troops. The prime minister said however that Afghanistan would join peace talks if invited by the Tajik

government and the opposition "We and Moscow should not act as the two direct parties involved in the conflict, but only as

mediators," Mr. Hekmatyar said. "If Moscow is a direct party in the talks we don't want to participate." He said Afghanistan and Russia could have bilateral discus-

sions on the issue of the withdrawal of Russian troops - said to number 3,500 - stationed along the Amu Darya River, which marks the Afghan frontier with Tajikistan.

Mr. Hekmatyar said Russian President Boris Yeltsin was "mistaken" when he recently said in Moscow the Afghan-Tajik frontier was also a Russian frontier.



carbomb blast arrive (AFP photo) Italian judge: Mafia involved in blasts

ROME (R) - Italy's top antimate just beginning, but already a Muslim service, mafia prosecut said he believed some theories hold more "Those who per the mafia was 1 'olved in bombings cultural six 5 in Milan and Rome this week but he doubted

if the crime group acted alone. "I do not attribute to the mafia the capacity and the intelligence to know famous monuments or relevant artistic sites," Magistrate Bruno Siclari said. 'There is definitely some other force in-volved."

Five people were killed in Milan Tuesday night by a bomb which destroyed a Museum of Modern Art. Dozens more were injured when bombs exploded outside of two of Rome's most cherished churches - the Basilica of St. John in Lateran and San Giorgio of Velabro

"It's my opinion that to carry out attacks of this kind you need a great criminal organisation like the mafia that can furnish the manpower and means," Mr. Siclaril said.

But he said the mafia was most robably helped by some other organisation, such as former secret service forces, some type of international group or members of Italy's outlawed P-2 Masonic

Lodge.
"Of course all theories are still valid because the investigations

weight," he said. To me it seems evident that these bombs are a threat against the changes occurring in Italy," he said, in an apparent reference to a huge corruption scandal in the political and business worlds.

This change also is hitting, in my opinion, the big criminal organisations in Italy, he added. Meanwhile, thousands of Italians crammed into Milan's cen-

tral cathedral Friday to mourn the five victims of the car bomb attack which has outraged the nation. Uniformed colleagues of three firemen and a traffic warden killed in Tuesday night's blast carried their coffins past mourners

including Italian President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro and Prime Minister Carlo Azeglio Ciampi. Applause rang out through Milan's Duomo (cathedral) for more than 15 minutes as the pall bearers marched slowly to the altar, carrying caskets draped in the red, white and green Italian

the men's helmets. The body of the fifth victim...a homeless Moroccan, was carried to the gates of the cathedral, the city's best known landmark, before being taken to a mosque for

Those who perpetrate such horrendous acts, who put us in front of the coffins of innocents, who throw mothers and fathers into mourning... are tagged with eternal infamy," said Milan Car-dinal Carlo Maria Martini.

Cardinal Martini read out a telegram from Pope John Paul in which the Pontiff condemned 'the vile and serious attack."

The funeral was conducted amid the tightest of security with police checking telephone booths and rubbish bins in the vicinity of the Duomo for suspicious pack-

Some political commentators have said the bombings, which followed similar recent attacks in Rome and Florence, were designed to slow Italy's huge corruption probe and ensuing political reform,

Among the 3,000 mourners in the church were several members of the Milan "mani pulite" (Clean Hands) anti-graft team, whose inquiries have exposed corruption at the heart of the country's political and business flag and decked with flowers and life during the past 18 months. Antonio Di Pietro, the pro-

secutor most closely identified with the probe, was given warm backing from mourners.

1 dies in Italy tunnel train crash

ROME (R) - One passenger died and 48 were injured Saturday when an international train rammed another in one of the main Alpine tunnels on the Swiss-Italian border, rescue services

Both trains were packed with hundreds of foreign holidaymakers who told rescuers of panic in he darkness after the crash. But most emerged unscathed

pecause a power failure reduced the speed of the Paris-Florence train before it ran into the back of the stationary Dortmund-Rome Express in the three-kilometres Simplon Tunnel.

The blackout, confirmed by Swiss Railways, appeared to be the main cause of the crash. which occurred at dawn just inside Italy about 150 metres from the end of the winding tunnel during a violent thunderstorm.

Emergency services coordinated by Italy's Interior Ministry said there were 15 foreigners among the injured, including French, Germans, Dutch and one American. The dead passenger was a 45-year-old Italian. Nicolo Mule. Four passengers were seriously injured.

Passengers told rescuers of mo-ments of panic after the crash, which knocked hundreds out of their bunks in complete darkness. Some tried to escal from the train and started walking down the tunnel, but gave up, unable to see their way.

Railway officials said the Paris

Florence Express was slowing down because of the power fail lure when it turned around a bend and suddenly found another train blocking the line. The sta-tionary train had apparently stopped when power was cut.

The train rammed the real carriage of the Dortmund-Rome Express, but officials said most of the injured were in a carriage io the middle of the Rome-bound train which was knocked off the track.

Houston woman X to offer massages to flood victims

HOUSTON (R) - The relief supplies going to the flood-ravaged midwest in the United States are not all bottled water and canned goods - the masseurs and masseuses are coming. Nona Guillory, owner of the Comfort Zone, a Houston massage therapy service, is travelling to Des Moines next week with nine of her therapists to delive: her brand of relief to those battling the floodwaters in recent weeks. "I'm from Nebraska. I have family in Des Moines and after watching those people sand-bagging on TV for weeks I said to myself 'they need relief,'" Ms. Guillory said in a telephone interview. Perhaps in a nod to mid-west oropriety. Ms. Guillory said people receiving the massages will be seated and fully clothed. with no oils used. The therapists will concentrate on pressure points in the upper torso. Ms. Guillory and her colleagues will donate their services for a week. and will work alongside local tberapists at various sites in the city chosen by the Red Cross. The massages will be offered on a first-come. first-served basis, Ms. Guillory said.

Coffins swept up by floodwaters

HARDIN, Missouri (AFP) -Rescue services Friday recovered about 100 coffins and funeral vaults which bad been dislodged and swept up by recent torrential floodwaters. About 50 coffins are still floating in the swollen waters of the Missouri. officials said. Some of those recovered Friday had been shaken open by knocks sustained as they were swept

Original Star Trek actor to have heart surgery

EVANSTAN, Illinois (AFP) -Actor Walter Koening, Ensign Pavel Chekov in the original Star Trek series, is to undergo heart surgery here, a St. Francis Hospital spokeswoman said. The 56year-old actor was taken to hospital Sunday after complaining of chest pains while attending a Star Trek convention near Chicago. He apparently suffered a heart attack. In the series, Chekov is the Starship Enterprise's Russian navigator. NBC television ran the Star Trek series from 1966 to 1969. Six filitis based on the series and two television spinoffs were also made.

Concert banned for the sake of insect love

WUERZBURG. Germany (AFP) — A music concert was banned Friday by a court here, because the noise would have disturbed insects in a nature park nearby who are currently in the full swing of the mating season. With the help of scientific evidence, the court in this southern German town argued that the crickets, moths and grasshoppers would not appreciate the loud music and that panic would have prevented bats from reproducing in peace. Fifteen hundred tickets had already been sold for the concert which was due to take place Saturday night.

'Vampire' arrested in Latvia

MOSCOW (AFP) - A sadist who drugged children, beat thei 1 up and drank their blood has been arrested in the Latvian capital Riga, the Latvian Interior Ministry newspaper reported. The paper, quoted by the Russian daily Rabochnaya Tribuna, said Ivo Simanis, 34, was arrested as result of a young girl's testimony She was found, unconscious and bleeding in Riga's Vidziemski districl. "A man took my hand to gd to his house, he cut me with razor blades and whipped me with a belt," said the girl who managed to escape by "pretending she was dead." Once arrested. Simanis admitted straight away he drugged children whom he managed to lure into his home in order to drain their blood and drink it. He claimed to have got into the habit at the age of 14 and asked police to be "sentenced to death im-

Court ruling allows begging NEW YORK (AFP) - A federal

appeals court gave New York panhandlers the same right as charities to beg in the street. The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals concluded that begging for oneself is tantamount to begging on behalf of other organisations and upheld a federal judge's ruling that struck down a law prohibiting panhandling in public. Both solicit the charity of others. The distinction is not a significant one for the First Amendment purposes," the court said. It criticised the New York City Police Department's treatment of beggars and said they violated the panhandlers' First

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De Klerk hails 'historic' visit

LUSAKA (AFP) - Preside at Frederic De Klerk Saturday hailed his "historic" first-ever visit to Zambia by a South African . president as an opportunity for southern Africa to "get its act together." Mr. De Klerk, on a two-day visit to open the Lusaka agricultural and commercial show and to hold talks with President Frederick Chiluba, said he was "not surprised" to have been invited to a country that was one of apartheid's staunchest opponents. "For us it was seen as an opportunity to expand our ties." he said. Clearly intent on doing business, Mr. De Klerk brought both Foreign Minister Pik Botha and Finance Minister Derek Keys in his entourage. Ahead of talks and a banquet with Mr. Chiluba, he said: "I will be concentrating on South Africa's role in southern Africa and on the need for us in southern Africa to get our act together."

Man held in S. Africa over massacre

CAPE TOWN (AFP) - A schoolteacher has been detained for questioning in connection with last Sunday's slaughter of 11 people in a church here, police spokesman Captain John Sterrenberg said Saturday. Press reports said the unnamed man was a member of the hardline Pan Africanist Congress (PAC), but Capt. Sterrenberg refused to comment on this speculation. "We are here to hunt down killers. We're not interested in their political affiliation," Capt. Sterrenberg told AFP. He said the man was picked up at his home in Guguleto black township here Thursday and was being held under security legislation which allows police to detain a suspect for 10 days without access to

Fighting flares in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH (AFP) - Fighting between Khmer Rouge guerrillas and Cambodian government troops has flared in the northwestern district of Battambang. U.N. spokeswoman Susan Manuel said Saturday. 'U.N. military observers who visited the (government) 6th Division headquarters witnessed fighting and heard reports of frequent fighting since July 24." Mr. Manuel said. A group of 50 Khmer Rouge guerrillas attacked a government position in Prong Rooh village to the south of Bavel town Friday, she said. The government troops were forced to withdraw and suffered seven men injured. A number of villagers' houses were burnt down in the firefight and villagers were reported to be fleeing to Bavel town for safety, she said.

75 dead or missing in China floods

PEKING (AFP) - A violent storm killed 41 people and left 34 missing in one of China's premiere tourism spots, but hundreds of stranded travellers were safely evacuated from a scenic peak. officials said. More than 400 people were injured by torrential rains that hit the area around Mount Emei, in Sichuan province. Another 7,000 were stranded, including more than 500 mostly Chinese tourists on the mountain. Wang Huacheng, a flood control official in Sichuan, told the China Daily that the storm was the worst ever to hit the area, located 150 kilometres southwest of the provincial capital Chengdu. Damage was estimated at 156 million yuan (\$27 million).

Mondale approved as Japan envoy

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The U.S. Senate confirmed the appointment of former Vice-President Walter Mondale as ambassador to Japan Friday. The appointment, which was passed by a voice vote without objection. must now go to President Bill Clinton for final approval. In a confirmation hearing before the Foreign Relations committee Wednesday, the 65-year-old Mondale pledged to focus on cooperation rather than mutual "bashing" in areas such as trade.

U.S.: Ukraine commitment includes SS-24s

WASHINGTON (R) — In a sign of continuing tension over the fate of atomic weapons in Ukraine, the United States insisted Friday that SS-24 missiles are covered by a key nuclear reduction treaty, despite Kiev's claim that they are not. "Under the (1992) Lisbon protocol and its associated documents which make Ukraine a party to the START treaty, Ukraine is obligated to eliminate all strategic offensive arms from its territory." State

Department spokesman Mike McCurry said: "These obligations under START cover all strategic offensive arms of the former Soviet Union including SS-24s," he said at a news briefing. Ukraine President Leonid Kravchuk told reporters in Kiev Friday that Ukraine wil keep the SS-24 nuclear missiles once it signs the START-1 (strategic arms reduction treaty), which is still awaiting ratification by Ukraine's parliament. He said Ukraine will keep its promise to become a non-nuclear state, but the disarming of 46 SS-24 missiles will bave to be accomplished by another treaty with Russia and the United States.

Rare film shows Soviet space disasters

LONDON (R) - British television showed rare footage of a string of Soviet space disasters, most of which were kept secret at the time by an embarrassed Communist leadership. The film, kept secret during the cold war and the cut-throat years of the Soviet-U.S. space race, became available after the break-up of the Soviet Union. It shows that "Nedelin explosion" which killed a top Soviet official in 1960, rescue workers trying unsuccessfully to revive three cosmonauts killed after the Soyuz 11 landing in 1971 and the wreckage of the Soyuz 1, in which Vladimir Komorov was killed in 1967. "They show some of the most horrendous accidents that befell (the Soviet Union) during the time when, obviously, this sort of thing was covered up," Stephen Young of space headline news told BBC Television. "We've never seen anything like this before."

Haiti Senate vote hit by new delay

PORT-AU-PRINCE (R) — Haiti's Senate once again delayed a key leadership vote, this time amid reports of death threats against one lawmaker and complaints of dizziness that sent another to the hospital. The Senate has been deadlocked for days over selecting a new speaker, a prerequisite for ratifying a new prime minister chosen by exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. A breakthrough seemed likely earlier in the week, as some lawmakers sympathetic to the 1991 military coup that toppled Mr. Aristide showed willingness to compromise to keep on track a U.N.-brokered pact to restore democracy and lift international economic sanctions. Local radio stations said one of those senators. Judnel Jean, had gone into hiding after receiving death threats. Other lawmakers considering changing their vote have also received threats and offers of bribes, sources close to the Senate told Reuters.

Cambodians end visit to Laos

VIENTIANE (AFP) - The heads of Cambodia's interim coalition government, Prince Norodom Ranariddh and Hun Sen, ended Saturday their first official visit abroad together with a pledge to cooperate in economically with Laos. "I think it was a great, great success." Prince Ranariddh said following the signing of a joint declaration in which Laos and Cambodia pledged respect for their common border and territorial integrity and agreed to cooperate in "economie, commercial, eultural, scientific and technical domains." Mr. Hun Sen called the four-day visit "very good." The declaration signed by the Cambodians along with Laotian Prime Minister Khantay Siphandone said the visit "constitutes a striking witness to the willingness to reaffirm traditional ties of friendship, solidarity and cooperation between the Lao and Cambodian nations and peoples."

Clinton may have been in too big a hurry

WASHINGTON (R) - President Bill Clinton says his hurry to get started may have been responsible for the sometimes rocky periods in his first six months as president. And, he says, some Washington experience might have helped because "I would have had a little bit better sense of the interplay of the power centres around town." "I think there was less of a honeymoon here than I had anticipated," Mr. Clinton said in an interview to be published Sunday in the Los Angeles Times magazine. "I was genuinely surprised when the Republican senators attempted to filibuster and did successfully filibuster — the emergency jobs bill." The interview was conducted last month by Times reporters Jack Nelson and Robert Donovan. Mr. Clinton characterised a lot of his early mistakes in office as "mistakes of process," not product. "You can make an argument that I should bave started a little more slowly... but I was in a hurry to get started." Mr. Clinton said be even enjoyed the battles for his programme.

for high-level peace tal a Communist government against River crest swamps Missouri capital

ernment.

ST. LOUIS, Missouri (R) - The rising Missouri river submerged part of Missouri's state capital Friday, keeping many civil servants home while St. Louis residents raced to build up levees as the river crest approached.
In one section of south St.

Louis Friday evening the Mississippi River overflowed an earthen levee, loosening 12 propane tanks from their moorings. That forced the evacuation of about 700 residential and industrial buildings in a half-mile (one-km) radius, city officials said.

The tanks, which each hold 30.000 gallons (t15.000 litres) of propane gas, were secured in an area adjacent to the Mississippi where the River Des Peres empties, but were loosened from one end of their moorings by floodwaters, said Julian Boyd, St. Louis director of public safety.

"The Mississippi River has risen to the point where it is about to engulf the tanks," he said. If the propane gas is released into the air, it could ex-

plode if ignited," Mr. Boyd said. Meanwhile the Missouri River crested at the state capital. Jefferson City, Friday, reaching a level of 38 feet (12 metres). It was expected to stay that high Saturday before receding, the National Weather Service said.

Although the domed Missouri Capitol building is above water. many of the streets and car parks around the building were flooded, State Emergency Management Agency spokeswoman Krish Farris said.

vide the state in two after the Missouri River knocked out of service all but one bridge between the metropolitan areas of Kansas City and St. Louis which are on opposite ends of the

To protect the one bridge crossing the Missouri which is open on the 250-mile (400-km) stretch. workers hauled sandbags and laid concrete barriers. State workers who live across

the Missouri from the capital because the only local crossing was shut down late Thursday.

don't." Mr. Farris said. already killed 43 people. swamped 16,000 square miles now goes to the full Senate, (36.250 square km) of farmland where approval is likely by next in eight states and caused an estimated \$10 billion in damage.

More than 300 roads and highways are closed in the state, said Chris Sifford, spokesman for the needed.

Flood waters threatened to di-

were told not to come to work People are being asked. please if you don't have to come

into Jefferson City or late, please

The swift-moving Missouri River had a ripple effect on the Mississippi, now expected to crest in the St. Louis area at 49 feet (15 metres) Monday, a foot (30 cm) higher and a day earlier than

previously anticipated. Workers used cranes, cement pumps and sandbags to shore up levees in and around St. Louis. home to 2.3 million people.

The St. Louis floodwall, which protects the city from the Mississippi, can withstand 52 feet (15.8) metres) of water.

To seal that barrier against seepage, workers pumped cement Friday under one section. the Army Corps of Engineers said. The corps is confident the 11-mile-long (17.7-km) St Louis levee will hold against the rising river waters, said spokesman Gary Dyhouse.

In Washington, a Senate committee Friday approved \$4.7 bilon t." Mr. Farris said. lion in emergency relief funds
The midwest flooding has requested by President Bill Clinton for flood victims. The bill

> The House Tuesday approved a \$3 billion flood relief bill but Mr. Clinton said more money was

Lendl and Agassi join the losers

run of dramatic upsets continued at the Canadian Open Friday, with Andre Agassi and Ivan Lendl joining Pete Sampras, Jim Courier and Boris Becker on an illustrious scrap heap. Agassi, the 1992 Wimbledon

champion, was ousted by fellow American Todd Martin while Lendl, the fourth seed, was bundled out by his former compatriot Petr Korda of the Czech Republic

in their quarterfinals.
With Sampras, Courier and Becker all dispatched Thursday. the unlikely semifinal draw pitches Martin against Richie Re-neberg and Korda against Sweden's Mikael Pernfors.

Agassi, beaten 7-5, 6-3, by

Martin, was betrayed by his serves. He succeeded with only 55 per cent of them, compared to 72 per cent for his tall opponent. and committed seven double faults including match point. The American only led the encounter briefly during the first set, before Martin added Agassi's

scalp to Becker's. There was more bitter disappointment in store for New Zealand's Brett Steven, the world No. 45 who had earlier put out

world No. 1 Sampras. Despite a promising start Steven soon went astray, going down 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 to Reneburg, who sent over a series of superb passing shots in the deciding set. Korda, seeded sixth, cruised to

victory 7-6 (7-4), 6-1 against Lendl after a difficult first set. His main weapon was an excellent service — winning 85 per cent of his first serves. Lendl, now a naturalised

American, was out of shape physically and could offer no serious resistance in the second set. "I couldn't read his shots," he

said, before paying tribute to last year's French Open finalist. "He's still got a way to go before becomes the world No. 1, but on a good day he can beat anyone." Lendl said.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Gail

Devers and Shannon Miller per-

formed like Olympic stars Friday night in the U.S. Olympic Festiv-

Devers, the gold medalist in

the 100-metre dash at Barcelona.

set a festival record in winning

the 100 high hurdles, and

anchored the winning 400 relay

on a hot night at Alamo Stadium.

Barcelona, set a festival record in

coasting to the all-around gold

medal and helping lead the east

squad to the team championship.

12.76 seconds, eclipsing the mark

of 13.01 set by Lynda Tolbert of

Q.1---As South, vulnerable, you

◆AJ987 ♥4 ♦KQ9 ◆AKQJ

What is your opening bid? A.—Although, in terms of the los-

ing trick count, this hand has only four losers, we consider it unworthy

of a demand bid. The quality of the long suit is the major deterrent. Our choice would be one spade, intend-

ing to jump shift to three clubs next.

Q.2-As South, vulnerable, you

◆Q104 ♥KJ973 ♦963 ◆AK Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one spade. What

action do you take?

A.—The critical requirement for a

two-level overeall is a good suit, usually six cards long. Since this hand comes nowhere close, despite the fact that it is worth an opening

bid, it is a terrible overcall of two hearts. Pass.

Q.3-As South, vuinerable, you

44 ♥8632 ♥85 +AKQ1094

Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one diamond. What action do you take?

A.—This is a matter of style. If you

play weak jump overcalls, by all means bid three clubs. If you doo't,

overcall two clubs. Even if partner has next to nothing, it is unlikely that anyone can double you for pen-alties because of your trump

Q.4-Both volnerable, as South

you hold:

•A6 ∇AJ1083 ◇AQJ •KJ3

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ∇ Pass 3 ∇ Pass

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Devers won the hurdles in

Miller, winner of five medals at

Andre Agassi

Korda, a losing finalist here in 1991, faces Perifors after the world 95th ranked Swede brushed aside Russian eighth seed Alexander Volkov 6-2, 6-1. It was another convincing performance after his triumph over Courier the previous day.

> Ann Grossman reaches semifinals

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, second seed Ann Grossman reached the semifinals of the \$150,000 Puerto Rico Open Friday as she ended an improbable run by qualifier Catalina Cristea with a 6-2, 6-4

Cristea, of Romania, became the first qualifier to reach the quarterfinals of this event in three years Thursday as she upset eighth seed Karine Ouentree.

Against Grossman, who is ranked 36th in the world, the 18-year-old Romanian couldn't get her game going. Grossman was able to use her

consistent groundstrokes to stop a seemingly tired Crisica in the In the second partial, Grossman continued to establish the tempo and after breaking service

was the fastest time in the United

States and the second-fastest in

the world this year.
"There were a lot of mistakes 1

could feel myself making," Devers said of the hurdles. "But this

is just my second race (the other

was the U.S. Championships), !

know what I need to work on.

We're just getting started back on my hurdle technique."

The relay team's time of 43.79

Miller, 16, had a score of

Women's ice hockey made its

festival debut Friday with the

course. If North's jump raise is forc-ing, showing a hand worth 13-15 points, yours revalues to 21. That

gives a combined count of 34-36— enough for a small slam, but short

of a grand slam, With first- or sec-ond-round control of all suits, we

favor an immediate six hearts. If

North's jump is a limit raise rather than a game force, be content with a

cue-bid of three spades, your cheap-est ace. Slam might still be in the cards, but you need cooperation

Q.5-Neither vulnerable, as South

you hold:

•73 ♥874 ♦AKQJ ♣AKQ10

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♥ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

A .- The prospect of an 11-trick contract in a minor or a spade game

re remote because of our belanced hand and poor support for partner's suit. If there is a game, it is most

suit. If there is a game, it likely to be three no trump. There-fore, we would choose a rather un-

orthodox two no trump for our rebid despite the fact that hearts

Q.6-Neither vulnerable, sa South

you bold: ♦874 ♥73 ♦AKQJ ♦AKQ10

The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 > Pass 1 + Pass

A.—The same hand as before, ex-cept that the major-suit holdings

have been reversed. Now, a four-spade contract is a more viable pos-

sibility, and a jump to two no trump

could shut out that fit. Our choice

What do you bid now?

What do you bid now?

from partner.

was the second-fastest in the Un-

ited States and 10th-best in the

world this year.

Washington, D.C., in 1982. It United States beating Canada 6-

GOREN BRIDGE

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

39.375 in the all-around.

in the ninth game never looked

back. In other singles action Friday, third seed Debbie Graham, of the United States, ousted fellow American Audra Keller in a hotly contested match. Graham reached the semifinals with a 7-6 (7-5). 6-2 victory.

Also, fourth seeded Angelica Gavaldon, of Mexico, outlasted Italy's Laura Golarsa, 6-4, 6-3 while Linda Harvey-Wild reached her second semifinal of the year as she defeated 17-yearold Paraguayan Rosanna de Los Rios. 6-4, 6-2. De Los Rios, the youngest

quarterfinalist here since Jennifer Capriati in 1990, had posted an upset of Rennae Stubbs to reach her first quarterfinal of the year. Capriati won this tournament

In doubles semifinal action, the top seeded pair of Gigi Fernandez and Rennae Stubbs defeated Harvey-Wild and Audra Keller, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.

In the other semifinal, Debbie Graham and Ann Grossman, of the United States, Routed Canada's Maureen Drake and Germany's Sabine Lohmann, 6-1, 6-

Highlights Friday from the eighth

day of the U.S. Olympic Festival; TOP PERFORMANCES;

☆ Gail Devers set a festival

& Connie Price Smith broke an

record in winning 100-metre high

hurdles and anchored the gold

medal-winning 400-metre relay.

8-year-old festival record in the

discus with a throw of 206 feet, 7

inches (63 metres).

** Kayaker Bryan Tooley won gold medals in the k-1 1,000 and

fender Paul Elliott will make

English football history next May

when he takes Aston Villa striker

Dean Saunders to court over the

tackle which has placed his career

It will be the first time a top-

flight player sues another over an

incident in a match. Elliott snap-

ped ligaments in his left knee

following a tackle with Saunders

- then with Liverpool - at

The 28-year-old centre-half has

undergone three operations on the knee and has been ruled out

for at least another six months.

said: "We have been given a date

and have been allocated five days

and will not deal with damages,

as Paul has not got to a position where he is able to decide whether he will play again."

end up in the courts after their

hatred for each other over many

vears exploded into a training-

ground punch-up at the English

martial arts in an attempt to

Sanchez said: "What has sick- fight.

seriously damage the tools of our training."

Wimbledon stars John Fashanu

and Lawrie Sanchez could also a disgraceful attack.

"It will be restricted to liability

Elliott's solicitor, John Stitt.

Anfield last September.

for the hearing.

Premier club.

in danger.

by Chelsea defender

LONDON (AFP) — Chelsea de-fender Paul Elliott will make "He used a series of several

k-2 1,000 flatwater sprints.

exhibition Saturday.

Devers, Miller perform like Olympic stars 3. The teams will play another

American Tom Jager holds the 50-metre freestyle world record of 21.81. In the women's 50-metre frees-

tyle, 1992 Olympic bronze medalist Angel Martino, 26, just out-touched Jenny Thompson in the 50 freestyle. Thompson had already won the 100 freestyle and butterfly events and was second in the 200 freestyle. Martino finished in 25.63. Thompson's time was 25.65.

pian Sergei Mariniuk of Moldavia, finished second in 2:02.67. Villa's Saunders sued

martial arts kicks with the prede-

termined intention to either

break or severely injure my legs.

particularly my left knce, which

he and everyone at the club

knows I had an operation on and

which kept me out of football for

sional I've never known a fellow

professional make such an ob-

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Fashunu retorted: "I was tak-

ing the training session and Law-

rie was refusing to do any of the

warm-up exercises because of his

he hit me in the face - an

unprovoked attack which at least

15 or 16 foothallers who were

"I was not the aggressor. He

training with us witnessed. It was

butted me in the face and caught

me with a knee in the hip. As far

as I'm concerned, butting is a

cowardly and disgraceful way to

way, so I could get on with

"I tried to use my foot to kick

"We came to words and then

dislike for me.

"In my 17 years as a profes-

3rd event at U.S. swimming championship

Evans wins

AUSTIN (R) - Two-time Olympian Janet Evans won her third event of the U.S. National Swimming Championships of Friday. Evans, 22, won the 1500-metre freestyle in 15 minutes, 59.44 seconds. Evans is the world record holder in the event at 15:52.10. She also won the 400and 800-metre freestyle events and finished third in the 200metre freestyle during the fiveday meet.

Friday night's victory was also her 36th national title, moving her to a second-place tie with Johnny Weismuller on the alltime national title list. American Tracy Caulkins leads with 48.

Evans has won four gold medals at two Olympics. At the 1988 Olympics in Seoul she was the only American swimmer to win gold medals. She won the 400metre individual medley, 400metre freestyle and 800-metre freestyle.

At the 1992 Olympics in Barceiona, she won a gold medal in the 800-metre freestyle. The women's 1500-metre freestyle is

not an Olympic event. "I'm swimming faster than ever since I've relaxed my approach to swiming," Evans said. "The way I am swimming mI feel I can swim

even faster. David Fox emerged as the heir apparent to three-time Olympian Matt Biondi in the 50-metre

freestyle. Fox, 22, won the 50 freestyle event in 22.49, just three weeks after winning four gold medals at the world University Games in Buffalo, New York, including the

50 freestyle. "I would like to think I could step up and fill in the vnid." Fox said. "I know I'll be a lox faster by next summer. I think'l could even

challenge the world record,"

In the 200-metre individual medley, former Russian Olym-

Christie wins showdown with Lewis; pulls out of Cologne meeting

GATESHEAD, England (AFP)

— Olympic gold medallist Linford Christie gained a massive psychological boost in the buildup to next month's World Athletics Championships by routing world champion Carl Lewis in their 100-metres shoot-out Friday

night. The 33-year-old Briton, who will try to become the first man to hold the World, Olympic, Euro-peao and Commonwealth ritles at the same time in Stuttgart, left Lewis with plenty to think about by winning their 200,000-pound (\$300,000) showdown in 10.08 seconds.

The eight-times Olympic cham-pion, who had beaten Christie io 12 of their 13 previous meetings, even had to senie for third place in 10.22 behind fellow American John Drummond in front of a sell-out crowd of 14,797.

"I knew I could do it," said Christie. "John Drummond gor a lightning start and I just followed him.
"It's a relief because there was

a lot of pressure. Both of us now know what we've got to do in Stuttgart. If he wins there, he is king. We've got to forget this. This is just a stepping stone. It isn't significant.

"Carl is world champion. He's won a lot of things and been through this before. Now I've got to do it again in Stuttgart."

Not even a false start by Drummond could deflect Christie from his quest and second time around he made the notoriously slow-starting Lewis look leaden-footed in the blocks.

Drummond, brought in just as a member of the supporting cast, almost spoiled the script as he shot away from both the principals and amazingly led with just 20 metres left.

But Christie, who had enjoyed a better start than Lewis, was in irresistible form. He surged past the American, eventually finishing more than a metre clear of him, and caught Drummond with the line in sight to beat the outsider by just 0.04 seconds. Christie's winning time shat-

famed late surge never materialised as Christie maintained and even increased his advantage once he had reached full flow,

Linford Christie

tered Allan Wells's 14-year sta-

fantastic effort on a typical blus-

tery Tyneside evening, under

Alarming for the American su-

perstar, however, was that his

Lewis might have complained that, as he had only flown in to Newcastle 24 hours earlier, his preparations were not finely honed, but he was man enough to accept the result. "I would like to have won, but

he said. "I'll be ready in a couple dium record of 10.26 seconds, a of weeks, though. "It would have been nice if it had been warmer and dryer, but

I didn't do it out of the blocks,"

Christie enjoyed a little dance I'm not going to make excuses. of delight as Lewis looked shell-Linford ran a great race. shocked by the whole occasion, "It's now over and done with. We're happy about it because it though he graciously shook hands with his conqueror afterwards.

has been great for the sport and 'I'm glad it had worked, but now I'm looking forward to the next stage. I know what I have to do." Michael Johnson had served up

a tasty appetiser to the main event with a dazzling victory over 300 metres against a high-class field. The high-stepping American clocked 31.72 seconds, the fifth

fastest time in history over the rarely-run distance. He left two American Olympic

Marsh and 400 metres gold medallist Quincy Watts, trailing in his slipstream. Watts was runner-up in 32.07 seconds and Marsh third in 32.10 seconds.

Two other British stars -Steve Cram and Steve Backley look set to miss the World Championships after being hit by fresh injury problems Friday.

Cram, still seeking the qualifying standard for the 1,500 metres, was forced to abandon his attempt after suffering a groin strain.

Olympic javelin bronze medalist Backley, who made a successful comeback from his shoulder injury at Crystal Palace last week. had to pull out of Friday's compention with an adductor muscle

Christie to miss Cologne GP

British Olympic 100 metres champion Linford Christie has pulled out of the Cologne Athletics meeting Sunday, feeling it would be an anti-climax after Friday's emotional and lucrative win over Carl Lewis.

"Linford's just a little sore and felt running there would be an anti-climax after Friday," Andy Norman, Christie's race programme organiser, said Saturday.

Christie beat world record holder Lewis into third place in Friday's highly-publicised duel, The pair earned some \$150,000

In Cologne Christie was due to meet America's in-form Andre Cason, who ran a wind-assisted 9.85 at the U.S. Championships

in June. Norman said he would be discussing the possibility of a rematch between Christie and eight-times Olympic champion Lewis at Zurich's Weltklasse meeting Wednesday.

Lewis is already contracted to run the 100 metres in Zurich. If no deal emerges for a second showdown less than two weeks before the World Championships in Stuttgart, Christie may opt to run in the 200 metres.

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Gazza in worldwide media ban

GATWICK, England (AFP) - England midfield superstar Paul Gascoigne announced Friday that he would refuse to talk to the world's media for a whole year. Angered by reports of him putting on weight during the Serie a close season, the controversial Lazio ace has made his Italian media silence global. His decision left Lazio officials and promoters of this weekend's Makita International Tournament in London embarrassed, since he should have attended a news conference here along with Lazio boss Dino Zoff. Zoff blamed Gazza's erratic behaviour partly on the pressure his star player has been under. "I know that Paul is very emotional about coming back to Tottenham," he said. "You have to consider the enormous pressure that he is constantly under. It is understandable, if from time to time, he closes down.

Canada, Australia to play World Cup qualifier

EDMONTON (R) - Canada and Australia head into a soccer World Cup first-leg qualifier with thin scouting reports and contrasting styles. The two-game, total-goal, intercontinental series opens at Edmonton's 58,000-seat Commonwealth Stadium with the second leg August 15 in Sydney. Canada lead the series between the two countries 3-2, but they have not met since 1924. Each has reached the World Cup tournament once, Australia in 1974 and Canada in 1986, and neither scored a goal. The teams do know they have contrasting styles. Australia play a possession game similar to the teams of continental Europe. Thomson would be "over the moon," with a 0-0 draw. "We'll be sitting back and defending and then hitting them on the breaks," he said. Canada favour an English-style system of long runs up the side and crosses into the box, and will look to score. "The onus is on us to take the initiative and attack at home," said captain Colin Miller.

Khokhlova dives to first gold

SHEFFIELD (AFP) - Russian diver Svetlana Khokhlova won the first gold medal of the European Swimming Championships Friday. The 20-year-old won the 10m highboard title after a brilliant final set of dives. The silver went to Germany's Ute Wetzig, the 1989. European champion, with Elena Jupina of the ova's sixth dive proved the key a lead which she held until the end. Earlier defending champion Andrei Semenioux headed the four qualifiers for the men's one-metre springboard semi-finals.

Montana makes new start

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Four-time Super Bowl champion Joe Montana finds himself starting over at age 37. Montana spent 14 seasons as quarterback of the San Francisco 49ers, becoming American football's top rated passer. But Montana missed most of the past two seasons with elbow and hand injuries, watching while Steve Young replaced him in the 49ers' offense. San Francisco avoided a fight for the starting job by trading Montana last April to Kansas City, where fans of the Chiefs have mobbed him. Expectations are high.

Mansell sets track record at practice

BROOKLYN, Michigan (R) — Indycar rookie Nigel Mansell complained birnerly about the track during rookie orientation, then went out and set a track record in practice at Michigan International Speedway Friday, Mansell, preparing for the Marlboro 500 on the two-mile (3.2 km) oval, was clocked in 231.120 miles per hour (371.941 kph) in the first practice session.

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U.N. vows action against alleged abuses in Somalia

UNITED NATIONS (Agencies)

— Secretary-General Boutros Ghali reacted strongly Friday to allegations of human rights abuses by U.N. troops in Somalia, saving action would be taken

against any proven charges.

But the U.N. chief said in a statement that many allegations in a report by the London-based Africa Rights group were "spurious or based on hearsay."

"We are nevertheless extremely sensitive to the gravity of some of the allegations made in the report." he said. "If these allegations are found to be true, action will be taken against those responsible.

He said a copy was sent im-mediately to retired U.S. Admiral Jonathan Howe, the U.N. special representative in Somalia, for discussion with force comman-

Africa Rights said some U.N. troops in Somalia, both in the capital Mogadishu where there is a fighting and in areas of relative calm elsewhere, were hated by the population for grave abuses. including killing and torturing civilians.

It said the U.N. Operation in Somalia (UNOSOM) was regarded as another feuding faction in the country's civil war and had done little to investigate abuses among the 22-nation troop con-

tingents.
Belgium forces, based in Kismayu, were singled out as being particularly brutal. In Brussels, a spokesman for the defence ministry said Africa Rights blew real events out of proportion and therefore was conducting a "disinformation" campaign.

By generalising some cases and saying the Somalis have no recourse against the U.N. troops, Africa Rights is committing disin-formation," the spokesman said.

MOGADISHU JAFPI - Fugi-

tive warlord Mohammad Farah

Aideed's supporters are trying to

whip up Islamic fervour to swell

support for his crusade against

United Nations forces in Somalia,

Rallies staged twice a week by

about 2,000 Aideed sympathisers

in the warlord's south Mogadishu

stronghold are taking an in-

creasingly religious tone.
A dozen Muslim leaders at the

front of Saturday's raily bran-

dished Korans and accused U.S.

soldiers of desecrating and loot-

ing mosques during attacks on

Aideed militiamen in June and

with a news agency photograph of

two American women soldiers

wearing bikinis on a Mogadishu

beach. In a graphic illustration of

the problems of stationing foreign

troops in this traditionally con-

servative society, the photograph

was captioned: "Naked Amer-

ican women in Islamic Somalia."

U.N. troops in Somalia are size-

able contingents from Muslim

countries including Pakistan, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Turkey,

Egypt and the United Arab Emi-

But anti-American and anti-

Western feeling has grown since

Among the more than 21,000

Youths handed out pamphlets

local intellectuals sav.

Aideed camp seeks to

whip up religious spirit

Africa rights staff who went to Kismayu listed allegations which included the murder of civilians

and beatings. But the defence ministry spokesman said a Belgian legal detachment composed of a deputy public prosecutor, a clerk and two members of the state police was in Somalia and had investigated every case that had come to

The detachment had investigated 36 problems between the Belgian troops and the local population since the Belgian contingent arrived in Somalia, he

Some of these cases, including that of a Somali man who was shot when being searched by Belgian soldiers in a mosque last May, are still being investigated,

Dr. Ghali said the report failed to mention that international ac-tion had led to a dramatic improvement of conditions in Somalia, by alleviating starvation and much of the violence against relief groups delivering aid,

South Koreans arrive

A specially formed engineering battalion of 252 South Korean troops arrived in Somalia Saturday to rebuild roads and drill water wells in the shattered coun-

Our first mission is to repair the main supply route from Mogadishu to Belet Uen," Major Kim Kwang Woo said. The town of Belet Uen, where German troops are stationed, is more than 300 kilometres north-west of Mogadishu,

The "Evergreen" battalion. formed three months ago and specially trained to serve with the U.N. peacekeeping force in Somalia. flew into Mogadishu

U.S-led U.N. forces attacked

Aideed's headquarters in retalia-

tion for the June 5 killings of 24

Pakistani peacekeepers, Somalis

"Confront Satan, fight col-

Mogadishu intellectuals say an

women and the stoning to death

in January of several women ac-

cused of adultery signals growing

popular backing for Islamic fun-

of the Somali women's organisa-

tion lida, said fundamentalists

were profiting from the conflict between the U.N. and General

Aideed, wanted by the U.N. for

the killings of the Pakistanis but

still holed up here despite a

"By attacking Aideed the U.N.

is creating hostility and playing into the hands of the religious

radicals," Ms. Halima said in a

Islamic refief agencies funded

by Sudan and Saudi Arabia re-

fuse to give women food unless they wear veils," Ms. Halima

people look for solace in reli-

gion," she said.

"In times of war and trouble,

recent interview with AFP.

\$25,000 price on his head.

Halima Abdi Arush, president

onialism." the crowd shouted, chanting "Allah-u-Akhbar."

aboard a Korean Air DC-10 air-

The troops, wearing camouflage fatigues, lined up on the tarmac and sang a military song. "Here We Stand," before boarding U.N. helicopters for Balad. 30 kilometres north-east of

An advance party of 60 soldiers arrived a month ago to prepare the South Korean base camp in

It is Korea's first deployment of soldiers on foreign soil in four decades except for a small number of troops sent to provide logistics backup for allied forces.

during the Gulf war in 1991. U.S. soldiers have guarded the demilitarised zone between communist North Korea and prowestern South Korea since the Korean war ended 30 years ago. Corporal Sang Hyup Youn said he was "very grateful" to have a

chance to help Somalia. "I'm not worried about the shootings of U.N. soldiers because we have our duty to do and we can take care of ourselves." said Capt. Youn. 23, from the city of Taejun, 100 kilometres south of Seoul. "It's my first time

Thirty-six U.N. soldiers have been killed and more than 150 wounded, mostly in Mogadishu, since clashes erupted with militiamen loyal to renegade warlord, General Mohammad Farah Aideed on June 5.

The Koreans will repair Soma-lia's poor roads and drill wells to restore water systems destroyed in factional fighting that plunged the country into anarchy after dictator Mohammad Siad Barre

was toppled in January 1991, The carnage triggered a famine that killed an estimated 350,000

Mr. Barannikov had been sack-

for alleged breach of ethics. Parliament had also been ex-

The suspension was announced to allow deputies time to draft a law aimed at forcing Mr. Yeltsin to submit to parliament all ruble recall, which he said re-

MOSCOW (AFP) - Russian de- the latest rund in the longrunning battle between the conservative-dominated legislature and Mr. Yeltsin's reformist government.

It came amid recriminations over last weekend's snap decision by the Russian central bank to withdraw billions of pre-1993 ruble banknotes from circulation.

The move caused panic and confusion among Russians forced to wait hours in queues to try to spend or exchange the invalid

session Finance Minister Boris Fyodorov said on television that the decision to withdraw the currency had had political objectives "which were to discredit the pres-ident and the government."

scribed the decision as "Stalinist," said that neither be nor his ministry had been involved in the 'totally absurd action," which the International Monetary Fund (IMF) had also opposed.

speaking on Russian television. blamed Mr. Fyodorov for the nominations and dismissals of sulted from policies which had led

Soviet republics out of the ruble zone. This policy led to the collapse of the ruble zone, and it was this which forced the central bank to adopt this reform," he said.

bardments of 'Ain Qana village (AFP photo)

The most important question today is the economic situation. Instead of attending to that, we are being pushed towards adopting a new constitution, towards useless debates and political confrontation," he said, Mr. Fydorov on Saturday dis-

missed the charges as absurd "lies and political provocations,"-Mr. Yeltsin, who cut short bis holiday to return to Moscow to

deal with the banknote crisis, on Monday moved to ease restrictions on changing invalid rubles. But parliamentary leaders two days later went even further by

stating that rubles invalidated by the central bank would be reinstated as legal tender.

Mr. Yeltsin has over the past month, made headway in his

plans to push for constitutional reform and scrap the hardline parliament by laying the ground-work for new parliamentary elec-tions this fall.

But his opponents have pounced on the ruble fiasco and controversy surrounding the "Fyodorov, backed by the security minister's sacking to stirup anti-government feeling.

Kuwait wants Arabs to denounce **Baghdad**

KUWAIT (R) — Arab states which sympathised with Iraq during its invasion of Kuwait must denounce Baghdad if they want to improve relations with the emirate, its information minister said Saturday.

"What we are hearing from these countries is not significant unless it is associated with de-clared acts," Sheikb Saud Nasser Al Saud Al Sabah said in an interview with Al Qabas news-

"If they want to restore relations with Kuwait they should take the initiative of correcting their stances.

Kuwait's relations with several Arab states and groups, notably Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organisation, have been strained over their stands during the 1990-91 Gulf crisis.

Sheikh Saud said Kuwait wanted them to denounce the occupation and recognise the U.N. demarcated Kuwait-Iraq border.

Members of Kuwait's parliament have criticised the government for welcoming recent overtures from Yemen and Tunisia, whose foreign minister visited Kuwait in June with a letter expressing hope for an end to the 'negative effects" caused by the Gulf crisis.

Sheikh Saud also reiterated that Kuwait was not ready to start a dialogue with Iraq's current government. 'We do not want Iraq to be-

lieve that we would restore relations with it with the presence of the current regime.

'No slaughter'

Twenty Palestinians were formally executed after Kuwait's liberation for collaborating with Iraqi occupiers but there was no mass slaughter of Palestinians, the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) reported Saturday.

The figures appeared in a KUNA news feature on strained relations between Kuwaitis and Palestinians during Iraq's occupa-tion and after the 1991 Gulf war.

"Official reports and reports of humanitarian organisations operating in Kuwait reveal that the number of Palestinians missing in the post-liberation era was 60, and the number of those spontaneously court-martialled and with the occupation was 20," it reported.

Khasbulatov calls Thatcher 'old bag

MOSCOW (R) — Russian parling ment head Ruslan Khasbularo has launched an astonishing attack on former British Premier Margaret Thatcher, calling her an "old bag" for saving parliament should be dissolved to end Rus-sia's political crisis. Mr. Khasbulatov, speaking in an interview shown on Russian Television, said Mrs. Thatcher's comments were humiliating for Russia and its people. The interview was recorded Thursday. Mrs. Thatcher, asked by Commonwealth Television last Sunday what she would do first to tackle the chaos wrought by the break-up of the Soviet Union, said she would disband the Russian parliament and call new elections. Mr. Khasbulatov, locked in a rapidly esca-lating power struggle with Presi-dent Boris Yeltsin, said Russian ournalists should have challenged Mrs. Thatcher on this point. 'You (the journalists) can bumiliate yourselves if you want to," he told the interviewer. "But don't humiliate your own people, your own politicians, who are not in the slightest bit inferior to the various old bags (babyoshky)

Guatemaia police chief jailed for beatings

who pay us visits.

GUATEMALA CITY (R) — A Guatemalan court has sentenced a top police chief and four other officers to three years and nine months in jail for violently breaking up a peaceful demonstration. The court said the five officers ordered riot police to beat peasants with their batons when they broke up a march in Guate-mala City in July 1992. During the march around 500 indigenous people were demanding land rights to the Cajola Ranch where they lived in northwestern Guatemala. They have since been relocated by the government. Inspector General Mariano Mazariegos, third-in-command of the National Police, was the highest police officer to be jailed in a human rights case in Guatemala.

Thai minister worried over alleged sex party

BANGKOK (AFP) - Thailand's

prime minister, who has vowed to get tough with his country's pervasive sex industry, has cautioned a cabinet member over reports that he supplied prostitutes at a party. Pressure groups meanwhile called for the minister's resignation. Deputy Finance Minister Boonchu Irithong was widely reported as having provided prostitutes for his guests at a celebration Wednesday at a Bangkok hotel for his New Aspiration Party (NAP) members of parliament. Despite Mr. Boonchu's denials and suggestions that the young women seen at the function were either singers or hotel staff, Mr. Chuan warned him about his conduct, newspapers reported Saturday. "The political atmosphere is now confusing. So please be more careful in all of your conduct." Mr. Chuan was reported as telling the depute minister. An umbrella organisa tion of pressure groups including human rights', civil liberties' and womens' organisations has called for Mr. Boonchu to resign over the scandal. The mass-circulation Thai Rath newspaper broke the story about the "service girls" at the celebration, held to mark the ending of the parliamentary ses-

Girl swapped as baby wants to 'divorce' birth family:

SARASOTA. Florida (R) — A teenaged girl who was inexplicably switched with another baby at birth goes to court Monday for the right to sever all ties to her biological parents. The heart rending case of Kimberly Mays, now aged 14. has inspired intense media interest. It dates back to the birth of two girls within a few days of each other in 1978 in a hospital in the central Florida city of Wauchula. But the child of Regina and Ernest Twigg - who today is known as Kimberly was sent home with Robert and Barbara Mays. And the child born to the Mays ended up with the Twiggs. The baby the Twigg couple received died of a heart defect in 1988. But blood tests taken during attempts to save her life showed she was not their daughter. The Twiggs began sear-ching for their biological child, whom genetic tests identified as Kimberly Mays. In 1989, the families agreed Kimberly would remain with Debay Mays. remain with Robert Mays whose wife had died when the child was two. However, the two families agreed the Twiggs, who have seven other children, would have visitation rights.

Russian parliament halts ill-fated emergency session

OF WAR: Sheikh Nabil Kawouk, the Saturday inspects damage from the Israeli bom

puties began, then later suspended for five days, an illattended emergency session of parliament Saturday amid rising tensions between lawmakers and

military leader of Hizbollah in southern Lebanon

the government. Prior to the suspension de-puties ratified a decree by Boris Yeltsin prolonging a state of emergency in the northern Caucasus regions of North Ossetia and Ingushetia, the official reason for the session.

Berated by parliament Speaker Ruslan Khasbulatov because fewer than 100 out of 380 had broken off their holidays to attend, deputies had earlier announced their intention to contest Mr. Yeltsin's dismissal of Security Minister Viktor Barannikov dis-

ed for his mishandling of the crisis on the Tajik-Afghan border and

pected to discuss last week's botched ruble banknote recall.

ninisters of the interior, defence. foreign affairs and security. The emergency session marked IMF, wanted to push the former

NEWS IN B^{*}

Widnall gets Senate committee approval

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A Senate committee . I Friday to

approve the nomination of the first women to head a branch of the U.S. armed services. In a voice vote, the Senate Armed Services

Committee approved President Bill Clinton's nomination of Sheila

Widnall as Air Force secretary and passed her name on to the full

Senate for confirmation Ms. Widnall, 55, is an aeronautical

engineer and associate provost at the Massachusetts Institute of

Technology (MIT). Testifying before the committee, Ms. Widnall

denied reports by Boston-area members of the Anti-Defamation

League that her husband belonged to a yacht club in Marblehead,

Women nominated as war crimes judges

UNITED NATIONS (R) - The United States and Britain both

nominated women jurists Friday to serve as judges on an

11-member U.N. war crimes tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

The United States proposed former U.S. Federal Judge Gabrielle

Kirk McDonald of Texas, who is now in private practice. Britain

nominated Dame Margaret Booth, who has served as a judge of

the English high court of justice since 1979. The U.N. Security

Council voted unanimously on May 25 to set up an international

tribunal at the Hague to try people accused of murder, rape

torture and other atrocities in the former Yugoslavia since 1991

Each of the United Nations' 184 members, as well as countries with

U.N. observer status such as Switzerland, has until Aug. 3 to

nominate up to two candidates to serve as judges on the war crimes

Babangida repeats call for interim government

ABUJA (AFP) — Nigeria's miltiary ruler Ibrahim Babangida

Saturday reiterated his call for creating an interim government as a

way out of the country's political crisis, officials said. They spoke

after General Babangida met with leaders of the two parties that

fielded candidates in June 12 elections that were later annulled by

the regime. Those parties, the centre-left Social Democratic Party

and the conservative National Republican Convention, had agreed

Wednesday to reconsider the interim-government proposal after

initially rejecting it. They said then that another option proposed

by the president, holding another election on Aug. 14, left too little

time for the regime to meet its pledge of handing over power to a civilian administration on Aug. 27.

10 die as domestic flight crashes in Nepal

KATHMANDU (AFP) - A Nepalese domestric flight crashed

Saturday at Tanahu. 150 kilometres west of here, killing all 18 people aboard, state radio reported. The Dornair aircraft, owned

by private carrier Everest Air, went missing after taking off from

Kathmandu airport. The flight had already been delayed two hours

before takeoff due to bad weather. The aircraft was carrying 15

Court remands four top Bombay brokers

BOMBAY (AFP) - An Indian court Saturday allowed detectives

to question four top Bombay brokers arrested on charges of

swindling a national insurance company to pump money into the

stock market. City Magistrate L.D. Motwani remanded Bombay

Stock Exchange (BSE) Brokers Bhupen Dalal, A.D. Naroitam.

T.B. Ruia and J.T. Gandhi in police custody until Aug. 5 after

rejecting bail appeals. The influential stock brokers were arrested

late Friday by Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) detectives probing a \$1.3 billion securities scam engineered by a cotene of

corrupt brokers, bankers and bureaucrats. The four are charged

with using forged bank documents to skim \$57 million from the

mutual funds division of Life Insurance Corporation.

passengers and three crew, officials said.

Massachusetts, that refuses to allow Jews to join.

Hours before the emergency

Mr. Fyodorov, who earlier de-

On Friday, Mr. Khasbulatov.

doors," he said in direct criticism of the government.

criticism and the praise that the government is receiving and an opinion is being made," said Dr. Abu Nowar. "But we do not accept threats through these poli-

Israel suspends assault

It also said it would "intensify contacts with international parties" to communicate Israel's false accusations" about Hizbollah's resistance to Israel's occupy-

Syrian Foreign Minister

to stop Israel from continuing its bombardments, how can we believe it is capable of implementing Security Council resolutions which constitute the substance of the U.S. peace initiative.

ters in Damascus.

non where it has 35,000 troops. and Iran, the main backer of Hizbollah, have been engaged in intensive talks to try to end the

Diplomatic sources said Mr.

newspaper Al Thawra said in an editorial on Saturday "it is inconceivable that Syria and Lebanon

has called for international intervention to stop the Israeli military campaign in Lebanon.

said in an interview broadcast on

should disarm the resistance in order to assure the Israeli occupation of the safety of its boisterous soldiers in southern Lebanon." Arab League Secretary-General Esmat Abdul Meguid

Egyptian radio on Saturday. The Israeli operations

Government rejects threat

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We are taking note of the

we wish to continue, enabling it (Continued from page 1)

Farouk Sharaa called on the United States to press Israel to end its assault on South Lebanon and warned that otherwise its credibility in Middle East peace talks

States should exert efforts to stop Israel from continuing its shelling in Lebanon," he said.
"If the United States is unable

Damascus since Thursday meeting Syrian and Hizbollah officials. Velavati had advised Hizbollah not to intensify fighting with Israel.

to achieve peace and stability in the region," he added. "The Arab League asks the international community to end the Israeli aggression on South Lebanon." he said in the inter-

view monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation. In Geneva, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has voiced deep concern about Israel's attacks on southern Lebanon, reminding all sides in the conflict that international humanitarian law obliges them to spare civilians.

The Swiss-run agency said the flight of hundreds of thousands of civilians from their villages "in very precarious conditions" has created a "critical situation." An ICRC statement urged all sides to allow the evacuation of casualties and to spare hospitals. ambulances and doctors.

Save Lebanon Inc. a U.S. based humanitarian organisation, is launching a relief campaign to provide emergency medical and food supplies to the thousands of displaced by the Israeli bombardment of southern Lebanon. The organisation has also cal-

led on the United States to provide long-term assistance in order to rebuild the destroyed homes and resettle the refugees. "There is an urgent and critical

situation in all of Lebanon,' Khatmeh Osseiran-Hanna, executive director of Save Lebanon. said in a press conference. Noting that complete damage assessments are difficult to come

by at this point, Ms. Osseiran-Hanna said there has been extensive damage to homes and other civilian structures. Many villages have been reduced to rubble, Ms. Osseiran-Hanna said. While thousands of

people are heading north to Beirut, many others "have no place to go." she said, and many of them are "sleeping in the streets and begging for food." In the western part of east Lebanon's Bekaa Valley, reporters said about 100 carloads of

refugees who fled during the hos-

tilities returned to the town of

Mashgara and nearby villages.

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Rebels hit Turkish tourism

ANKARA (R) - Rebel Kurds have stepped up their assault on Turkey's lucrative tourist industry with a bomb. attack on a western seaside resort, but appear ready to free six tourists

kidnapped in the troubled south-Friday's blast from a bomb planted in a litter bin in a crowded street in the Aegean Sea twon of Kusadasi slightly wound-ed 18 people, including six fore-

ign tourists. Last Sunday a bomb explosion injured three tourists in Istanbul. Bombs in the southern resort of Antalya on June 27 and July 17 killed one person and wounded

25. including 12 tourists.
No group has claimed responsibility for the attacks, but the Kurdish Labour Party (PKK) declared this week that Istanbul and

western Turkish resorts were now in a "war zone." Police in Antalya said Friday they had arrested 13 PKK militants in connection with the

bombing there. The PKK is locked in a vicious struggle with security forces in the mainly Kurdish southeast, where 350 soldiers, rebels and civilians were killed in July alone. It wants to cripple tourism to deprive Turkey of revenue and

More than seven million tourists flocked to Turkey last year. producing earnings of \$3.64 billion, tourism ministry figures show. Revenue of \$4 billion had been expected this year.

blacken its reputation abroad.

A similar campaign of violence by Muslim militants in Egypt has devastated that country's oncebooming tourist trade. No figures were immediately

available for the impact of the

PKK threats, bombings and kidnappings on tourism in Turkey, but some tour operators earlier reported a rash of cancellations. Cemil Bavik, head of the PKK's military council, said the attacks were not meant to harm civilians but destroy an industry he said was helping fund a "dirty war" in

the southeast.

"Tourism is objectively supporting this war politically and financially. Because of this we are telling them (tourists) 'don't come, if you do, we won't be respsonsible for the consequences," he told the Englishlanguage Turkish Daily News.

Its correspondent reported that he had handed an appeal to Mr. Bayik in Lebanon from the families of four Frenchmen, one Briton and an Australian kidnapped in southeast Turkey this month. The paper said the PKK lead-

ership was likely to decide at the

weekend to free the hostages on

humanitarian grounds. The correspondent, whose mediation mission apparently enjoys official sanction, had guaranteed that he could ensure the safety of the hostages after their

tical acrobatics.

would be in doubt.

"We believe that the United

He was speaking after the meetings of Arab foreign minis-Syria. a power broker in Leba-

violence in Lebanon. Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati has been in

However, the official Syrian

"The international community must confront this situation." he

threaten the peace process, which